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Thomas . sive expansion in Britain's children were killed he waited, with the others, for GWe fight on, vow parents, We now leave Dunblan bandgun shooting in burgeoning gun culture iden-tified yesterday by Lord Cul-There was panic and shock beyond reckoning in the not at all as we found it: like Britain". page 3 C. Carlos five hours to find out if his the guns issue: "Why would Aberfan, it will always He justified the decision not 影为日本 streets; parents and police, shopkeepers and journalists, everyone in daughter was among the dead. A part of him froze at any civilian need an automatic weapon?" they exist in our minds as a place were young life was snuffed to have a total han by point-ing out that Lord Cullen's len's inquiry into the Dun-D Leader comment, page B Terrar . blane massacre. that moment. He has not yet gathered His package was immedi-ately criticised by the parents of the victims of Dunblane as the second s □ Target for tomorrow, Lord asked again and again. out unbelievably. In the main anxiety was the rapid 513 ···· sight of that primary expansion in the use of the "Why would anyone have case of Dunblane we might Windlesham, page 9 school, had a look about the strength to return to his need of such a thing, unless add unfathomably, and larger calibre handguns "as - 11 March symbols of personal power" by shootars who "don the trappings of combat such as camouflage clothing". The order to hand in 80 per an "unacceptable compro-mise" which still implied a n water a se them, a look that said we'll never get over this, things office. Hannah Scott was shot they had some need to wipe out a lot of people in a unnaturally. But the people in that changed place want to move . . TheGuardian hurry?" These meetings kept people well through the darkest summer of their seven times. Her mum Karen, dad David and sister will never be the same toleration of gun crime. Ň The Government decision last night to insist on a threeagain. On the hill above the OB BOW. International Umbrella town, people wandered by Catriona have moved to They want to pick themselves up, and learn to live with their experience. line whip to rush its gun conlives. It would take the in a daze. Mick North's daughter another part of Dunblane cent of handguns will be ac-"to get away from all the companied by a ban on mail order sales and greater access autumn, and Cullen's trol bill through Parliament report yesterday, to tell them the rights and wrongs memories" says Karen. But We can only offer to keep Sophie was shot five times by Christmas enraged igh and d for voluntary groups to the personal histories on those Protect Labour, Scottish Nationalists by Hamilton as she lay on certain things stick. One them in our thoughts. and the Snowdrop petitionwho work with children. yourself ers. They want a free vote on | from "criminals or madmen." "Not so far as I am aware," "It is a compromise on an Douglas McMurdo, who But the Labour leadership's Ministers scoffed at sugges-tions that Snowdrop camwas the senior police officer who granted the renewal of Mr Howard told reporters. The two had agreed a comhopes of enlisting liberalthe critical question of the exissue on which there must be from the tent of the handgun ban and po compromise." minded Tory MPs like David But the £60 million a year paigner Ann Pearston's mon line. Thomas Hamilton's gun elements with will only back Mr Howard as 5.000 Mellor to strengthen the However, the parents of the 16 children killed at Dunblane gun trade complained that it was being victimised for the licence, resigned yesterday as the assistant inspector of conlong as his plans prove "ade-quate and workable". Mr Howard himself called speech to the Labour confer-ence had persuaded the Labour leadership to back a scope of the proposed ban on a free vote were dented by the decision of 26 Liberal Demothe second second the stylish 225 The --actions of a madman and claimed Michael Howard had primary school were clear they believed the package was stabulary for Scotland. Guardian The 57,000 shooters will be the compromise, hastily total gun ban. crat MPs to leave their op-California -: "For heaven's sake, what "an unacceptable comprosigned its death warrant. offered a choice of a flat fee or agreed between himself and tions open. and the second Andrew Midgley, aged 41, who runs West Yorkshire's International Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, after reading Lord Cullen's report on Monday. sort of approach to decision-making is that?" asked Mr mise" and said the seeds of the tragedy rested in Britain's an individual market valua-In an unexpected move, tion when they hand them they announced that their who runs west torkshire's tion when they hand them Bradford Shooting Centre, was typical: "I'm absolutely million compensation devastated," he said. "My house is tied up in the busi-ness, and I'll lose everything. The ban will not solve the problem. The Government will be sold abroad. 18 3 The state umbrella. gun culture. One further step had to be taken: "The choice Howard. But Mr Howard also own demands - for tight con-6 4 2 Can had to deny that Mr Forsyth some of the toughest gun trol of guns and compensais clear to be taken. The choice is clear to ban guns com-pletely or to take the chance that someone will misuse his gun," they said in their joint - 31 1. · · · . · · · · laws in the world." whose 236-vote majority at tion for those weapons confis-cated — are "more fully met This large blue and white golfing umbrella features A handful of angry right Stirling includes Dunblane wing Tories criticised the - had manager change they said would not his own position keep illegal weapons away ing resignation. - had managed to overrule his own position by threatena fox frame and wooden handle, £19.50. 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His constituency also received Asked to respond by tele-phone to the question "Should [he] resign?", 65.5 per note. MACALLAN Smith, the Tory grandee Opposition MPs made it who was at the centre of of Harrods. It was also invesorder for the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ or please debit my Visa/ clear yesterday that the in-quiry must be wide ranging tigating Mr Hamilton's stay money in 1992. chairman of the members' in-The committee will meet next Wednesday to decide whether to hold its hearing into Mr Willett's actions in attempts two years ago to stifle a parliamentary inquiry cent said yes and 34.5 per cent said no. The result, pub-Mastercard account. terests committee. A hand-written note from Mr Willetts suggested Sir Geoffrey could exploit the at Mr Al Fayed's Ritz hotel in and in public. into the cash-for-questions af-fair, resigned from the Com-Paris. Earlier, Doug Hoyle, MP for 

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On March 13, 16 children from one class (right) were murdered at Dunblane primary school, whose headmaster is Ron Taylor (top). Local people were stunned (left) and a posy of flowers at the scene poses an unanswerable question

Hamilton's boys' camps were 'like brushed aside adult life, Hamilton had a

ised, in a hostel but in the back of Hamilton's van. Brian Fairgrieve, a retired HERE were many surgeon and former scouting warnings along the road to the tragedy in the Dunbiane primary school gym that Thomas was unstable and a

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1974. The boys returned cold, wet and hungry, and had spent one night not, as prom-

county commissioner for Stirlingshire, interviewed Hamilton after the complaints. He told Lord Cullen: "I formed the impression that he had a potential danger to children. Most of them were ignored or persecution complex, that he had delusions of grandeur, and I thought his actions A loner and a misfit all his

were almost paranoiac." He had written to Scottish

tic affairs, with great empha-sis on physical exercise. The boys would drill, stripped to graphs Hamilton took of boys the waist, in all weather, George Robertson, the ing deep breaths. shadow Scottish secretary who lives in Dunblane, with drew his own son from one of them in 1963 after watching, unnoticed, what was going

[to parents] was that there was something unnatural. The boys did not seem to be on. It was, he told the inquiry enjoying themselves but ap-"a bit like the Hitler youth" peared silent and even fright-His "gut feeting" that there ened." said the Cullen report. was something wrong led him Hamilton claimed he was

ammunition.

by police in July 1988, after So in May 1989, she and s ious. There was concern friend, Janet Reilly, threw buckets of rubbish, including about the videos and photoone boy had returned home unhappy. The 13 boys appeared cold and inadequately posing in the black swimming trunks he provided while takiressed, the sleeping bag were damp, but although some said they were home-sick and Hamilton would not The overriding impression allow them to phone their parents, none wished to leave with the officers.

suntan oil, over Hamilton at one of his boys' clubs in Lin lithgow, hoping to be arrested so that they could tall their story in court. They were not charged, but the incident led to Lothian council closing the Complaints about

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The Procurator Fiscal investigated stories from the summer camp, in Mullarochy boys that Hamilton had Bay, Loch Lomond, in July accounts contradictory. No **Detective Sergeant Paul** action was taken, but the inci-Hughes - now a chief inspecdent enraged Hamilton who began to deluge the police tor — the officer in charge of child protection. He was sur-prised to find the man had a with complaints. Doreen Hagger's son had firearms certificate. attended the Inchmoan camp. She accused Hamilton to his In a memo to his superior officer, he wrote: "I am firmly face of forcing boys to run of the opinion that Hamilton around naked, spanking is an unsavoury character them, and making them rub and an unstable personality. I suntan oil into his body. He would contend that Hamilton threatened her, she said, with will be a risk to children continued on page 3

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with my the local MP and now Scottish nly, I have Secretary. oral inten-

From November 1981, Ham ilton hired school halls for 15 nany aborboys' clubs from local suback into thorities across the Central, Fife and Lothian regions. He ıt — but he ted. Howheld a Grade 5 certificate rented him from the British Amateur Gymnastics Association, s own priwhich permitted him to coach under supervision, but most with camps in the summer

of the activity was football. Parents soon became anz-They were quasi-militaris-

and fit - he said he hated fat children and blamed parents for giving them junk food. In 1983, Cantral region de-

cided to cancel Hamilton's lets. Hamilton protested to the local ombudsman that the decision was based on malicious gossip and obtained 30 letters of support from parents. He won his case.

A summer camp run by Hamilton on Inchmoan Island in Loch Lomond was visited a gun.

#### The report and the issues

## **'No action' officer resigns**



Duncan Campbell **Crime Correspondent** 

HE police officer who authorised Thomas Hamilton's firearms certificate resigned yesterday

from his post as Assistant In-spector of Constabulary. Douglas McMurdo, aged 56, who was Deputy Chief Con-stable of Central Scotland police when Hamilton was passed as fit to hold a licence. announced his resignation at Lothian and Borders police headquarters in Edinburgh.

In doing so, he accepted res-ponsibility for the role of the lice in their dealings with Hamilton over nearly 20 years. They have been criticised for not acting more firmly in seeking to deny Hamilton his licence.

was with regard to his complaints against the police or the licensing of his firearms. I tried to do what I felt was right and within the law. "I firmly believed at the time and still do now that the

decisions I took were the only ones open to me. Neverthe-less, I have to accept the conclusions reached by Lord Cullen. In the circumstances I do not believe I can continue as Assistant Inspector of Constabulary.

The inquiry had heard that Hamilton was given authority took no action because the visit had been "at the instigaon February 14, 1977, to ac-quire a 22 target pistol and on 12 subsequent occasions tion" of the family and that there had been no ammuni-tion. With hindsight, he acover the next 18 years had his cepted that a warning could certificate renewed or varied. The involvement of the have been sent.

police in assessing whether Hamilton should have been granted a certificate was highlighted by an incident in 1988 when he took two handguns and a semi-automatic pistol to the home of a family in Linlithgow to show to some amilton his licence. Yesterday Mr McMurdo Linlithgow Boys' Club mem- report and marked it "no

said: "In my dealings with bers who had expressed an in- action". He told the inquiry Thomas Hamilton, whether it terest in guns. that Det Sgt Hughes's remarks were based on "a gut terest in guns. This was reported to police in Stirling on May 20, 1989. feeling" rather than hard evi-Sergeant Edward McGrane, of Lothian and Borders police, dence, and that Hamilton would have been entitled to took a statement from the appeal to a sheriff if his gun family and sent a report to Mr McMurdo. Sgt McGrane certificate had been withdrawn.

holidays.

said in evidence to the in-quiry that he did not think Hamilton's behaviour was normal and that he had an He was also shown to be in volved in considerable correspondence about Thomas Hamilton during the period impression that the family 1989-92 because Hamilton complained, without evi-dence, about "undesirable" had "not been at ease". He did not pass on this impression in his report. Mr McMurdo said that he links between Central Scot-land police and the Scouts.

In February 1992, Hamil-ton's certificate renewal was signed by Chief Superintendent John Adamson in the ab-sence of Mr McMurdo. In 1995, Detective Constable Anne Anderson visted Hamil-

Annie Anderson visier maine ton's home and had a "strange feeling" about him but was told that nothing could be done. The Cullen On November 11, 1991, Detective Sergeant Paul Hughes sent a report expressing major suspicions about Hamilton, describing him as "a scheming, devious and deceitful individreport concluded that "the evidence (from the police) provided a disturbing picture ual who is not to be trusted" of the operation of the deci-sion-making process."



Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE ban on ownership of security standards up to the new stringent levels. Very higher calibre handguns such as were used by Thomas Hamilton, means few would qualify at present. that 160,000 weapons are now liable to be melted down at the foundry. A further 40,000 lower calibre guns will only be legal to own if they are kept in gun clubs "under con-

ditions of the most stringent rectly to the police, and metal security". detectors to control access. Compensation totalling £24 million will be paid to the owners affected based either Once a suitable club is available the guns will be per-manently stored there. If the on the individual market owners cannot find a suitable gun club, their weapons will alue of their guns or a flat be destroyed. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, described these as rate fee when they are surren-

dered to the police. When the legislation comes into effect after Christmas a "the minimum conditions for the continuation of handgun date will be set for the higher calibre guns, average value

£150, to be surrendered to the pected that some gun clubs reason" for owning a gur police. Those who fail to hand will close because they will Other measures include make never achieve an adequate their guns once they become illegal could face prison senlevel of security tences of up to 10 years. No The Government is consid-

160,000 weapons to be melted down

compensation will be paid for ering some exemptions, such as for vets who have to use Owners of the smaller 22 larger handguns to shoot calibre rimfire target pistols will initially have to hand in

horses on racecourses and in the humane destruction of their guns to the police, while the 2.000 gun clubs bring their other animals, and to allow expanding ammunition only for deer hunting.

Mr Howard insisted that the smaller calibre handguns The measures will include represented a different case because they were four to six reinforced walls to ensure that thieves cannot break in, safes to store the weapons, times less powerful than those above .22. The smaller guns were only intended for strong perimeter fences, target shooting and were used in Olympic sports. For handgun owners who burglar alarms linked di-

will continue to use the smaller pistols, there will be a more stringent licensing sys-tem, although no shooters will have to get a new fire-arms certificate until their

current five-year ones expire. The police are to be given stronger powers to revoke exthe continuation of handgun isting certificates including shooting in Britain". It is ex- "there is no longer a good

Other measures include making it a illegal to sell a gun without notifying police and a

ban on mail order sales of guns to anyone other than licensed dealers.

The package of measures proposed by Mr Howard yes-terday ignores nearly all Lord Cullen's main recommendations on gun control.

The judge stopped far short of banning any kind of handgun. Instead, he put forward two suggestions to disable multi-shot pistols and revolvers of any calibre while stored. His first suggestion was that key components of a gun stored at home should be kept separately at a secure gun club. His second was that a gun club official should fit a locked "barrel block" to multi-shot handguns stored at home so it could not be used if it were stolen.

Lord Cullen said that only if these two options were not adopted, should a ban on home storage of guns be con-sidered. The Government rejected both as impractical.

Safety 'without fortresses'



John Carvel Education Editor

VERY school should implement a custom-ised plan to minimise the potential danger from intruders, but it would be unacceptable to strengthen defences to the point where places of learning were turned into fortresses, Lord Cullen said.

His recommendations were

earlier this year of the least to be learned from the killing of Philip Lawrence, the west London headteacher. Schools should work out a safety strategy appropriate to their particular circumstances. In some, that might require panic buttons or tele-

bones for staff in outlying buildings, personal alarms for teachers, or closed-circuit television. "It is understandable that In the aftermath of what hap-pened at Dumblane primary school there should be calls

School: Accepted by the Government after a committee of teaching unions, police and other samplers produced an analysis caller this year of the lessons to be lessons and the struck approach to supervised," Lord Cullen accepted by the Government after a committee of teaching unions, police and other analysis and the struck approach to supervised," Lord Cullen accepted by the Government after a committee of teaching atterations to schools or an increase in the extent to supervised," Lord Cullen analysis and the struck approach to strengthening security could involve unnecessary or inapto be struck." A blanket approach to strengthening security could involve unnecessary or inapproriate expenditure, but What would be appropriate piecemeal action by schools to an inner-city school of 700 pupils would be unlikely to be suitable for an isolated rural could risk problems being overlooked. There should therefore be a safety strategy and plan for each school. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National school. There might be

special problems with con-verted buildings or establishments working on split sites. Some methods of opening locked doors might be appro-priate for older children, but Association of Schoolmasters/ Union of Women Teachers said the report was weak on issues of school security. not the young or disabled. "A firm commitment needs

"Schools should be welcom-ing places ... It would be unto be made in principle for all schools to have well-defined boundaries, with one secure point of access." Mr De Gruchy said.

## National accreditation proposed

Clubs: Body to be set up

NATIONAL body is to Abe set up to accredit clubs and voluntary

take a great deal on trust," the report says. "It is reasonable that they should be assured organisations that offer that the clubs or groups which their children attend have shown that they provide an adequate degree of protection against abuse. The children's

safety is paramount." The Government has accepted Lord Cullen's recom-

mendation that there is a need for all the information available about those who work privately with children berself 'a youth leader', rent-ing premises and starting a youth club or some other simiyouth club or some other simi-lar kind of activity for children over eight years of age." Persistent complaints about the sports clubs Thomas Hamilton was running for young boys did nothing to prevent him opening new ones. The fact that he had been blacklisted by the Boy Scouts, who dismissed him to be pooled nationally. How-ever, in his report, Lord Cul-len rules out the compulsory vetting of staff, and suggests that accreditation for chil-dren's clubs and organisations should be voluntary. "Parents sometimes have to Scouts, who dismissed him after just a year, was not passed on.

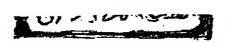
Lord Cullen points out that a very large number of adults work on a voluntary basis with children. In Scotland, they amount to between At present, Lord Cullen says, "there is nothing to prevent an Most voluntary Most voluntary organisa-

tions for children under eight have to be registered and in-spected by local authorities under the Children's Act 1989, and a criminal record check may be made. There are already government proposals to allow voluntary organisa-tions dealing with older children to check the criminal records of staff. But such checks would not have picked up the doubts about Hamilton, who had no convictions. The new national body would collect other informa-tion that might reflect on the suitability of any person to work with children, Lord Cullen says. It would draw up

guidelines on recruitment of staff and monitor bodies it had accredited.

acceptable to carry measures for additional measures to to the point where schools similar to the proposals protect the school population, were turned into fortresses.

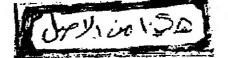
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leisure activities or care to children aged eight to 16, in the hope of reassuring parents that individuals like Thomas Hamilton will not have charge of their sons and daughters.





Lynn McMaster, whose daughter died in the massacre, with her five-month-old son in Dunblane yesterday, and (right) senior policeman Douglas McMurdo, who resigned following the Cullen

continued from page 2 whenever he has access to them and he appears to me to be an unsuitable person to possess a firearms certificate ... it is my opinion that he is a devious and deceitful individual who is not to be trusted." The memo was stamped by his superior "No action", because Hamilton had not been convicted of any crime.

In June 1992, Hamilton ran what he described as a residential sports course at Dunblane High School. Three boys ran away and were found by police at night in the street in their pyjamas. A parent complained about the ack of supervision. Receiving

the kind of circumstances as prior to 1996, he shot only described are allowed to conthree or four times a year tinue ... I fear that a tragedy police are supposed to be noti-fied if a licence holder is not to a child or children is al most waiting to happen." Word got around, and boys shooting regularly. And on a club outing in March, Hamilbegan to ebb away from Ham ton was described as stroking Iton's clubs. Hamilton wrote letter after letter of complaint his guns and talking to them "as if they were babies". He may have been planning the massacre in Dunhane pri-mary school for as long as two years. A nine-year-old boy who used to attand one of to parents, to the Scottish Sec retary, and even to the Queen At Dunblane primary

school, where teachers have contaminated all of the older Hamilton's clubs said the boys with this poison, even man questioned him about the layout of the school and the times of classes. former cleaners and dinner ladies have been told by

teachers at the school that I am a pervert, said one. At the Stirling Rifle and Pistol Club, which Hamilton Distol he used to kill the chil-

sense serve as a warning. If jout apparent reason, Yet jweek before he embarked on his own orgy of killing. There seems no obvious reason why he chose March 13, except that it was a ednesday, the day Primary One had gym after assembly. The first person to see Ham-ilton near the school was Au-drey McMillan, who noticed him driving a white van slowly at about 9,28am. It had parked beside a talegraph

pole inside the school grounds. She watched as he unfolded a tool wrap. Later a pair of pliers was discovered — they had been used to cut the phone wires, but he had disconnected local homes and

not the school. Hamilton strode

dark ügure" framed in the doorway. "He started firing." she said in her statement to Hamilton walked up one side of the gym, firing as he went, and then moved to the the inquiry. "The children were screaming. I am not centre, where he "walked in a semi-circle systematically fir-ing 16 shots at a group of chil-dren who had either been dissure if he had a gun in both hands. I was hit and I realised dren who had either been dis-abled by the firing or who had been thrown to the floor," says the report. "He stood over them and fired at point blank range." From a fire door, he aimed something terrible was hap-pening. He was pointing the gun all around and shooting." Ushering some children in

front of her, she stumbled to the storage alcove. Then, with four wounded children and Eileen Harrild, the PE teacher who had also been nine shots into a temporary shot, she hid for what seemed an age trying to quieten the children. "The children cowered on the floor, lying help-lessly in pools of blood, hear-ing the screams and moans of

Police memo spoke of an unstable and classroom outside, but the teacher had fortunately told the children to get down on the floor. In all, he fired 105 bullets in three to four minbullets in three to four min-utes, killing 15 children and Mrs Mayor and wounding many more. Another child died on arrival at hospital. Then, suddenly, he

a report from the child protec-tion unit, the Reporter to the Children's Panel for Fife nothing was done. The secre-tities of ammunition. A two 357 Smith and Wesson titles of ammunition. A two 357 Smith and Wesson nothing was done. The secre-tary, Gordon Crawford, told region, Mr A. Kelly, wrote, tary, Gordon Crawford, told retired police firearms in-appallingly prophetically: "I the inquiry that the club was structor recalled Hamilton feel that the events of June afraid he would take legal discussing the Hungerford Mary Blake heard a noise teacher, was already dead — the muzzle in his mouth and 29,1992, in Dunblane in a action if it expelled him with massacre with him, just a and she looked up to see "a one of the first to be hit. pulled the trigger.

began stockpiling large quan-tities of armunition. A two .357 Smith and Wesson retired police firearms in-revolvers, and 743 bullets. He went straight for the gym.

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#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

## **Compensation for surrendered** guns estimated to cost £24m

How many people hold handgun licences now? Around 57,000. criminal purposes. Illegal guns can be hired by the day and extra is charged if the How many handguns are weapon is used. there in Britain? Around 200,490 legally held handguns, of which around 20 What Acts control firearms The Firearms Act, 1968, con-solidated and repealed all pre-vious legislation. The 1988 Firearms (Amendment) Act, in the wake of the Hungerford per cent are .22s. What will you be allowed to keep at home under the ban? If you own a valid firearm massacre, banned self-loading rifles and semi-automatic or certificate you will still be able to keep a shotgun or rifle pump-action shotguns from in the home private hands. How much do handguns Will the change of law cost? mean that gan owners go Top of the range target pistols retail for £2,500 and upwards. A good .22 target pistol is underground? There is a risk that some gun owners will feel so aggrieved that they seek to retain weapons illegally but few are pround £800. How much compensation likely to do so. They are al-ready identified by their will be paid? Latest estimate is £24 million, with £150 per weapon being paid for 160,000 recovered licence ownership and thus known to police. Yesterday Alan Drew, from weapons. Members of shooting organisations were talk-ing up the likely cost prior to the conclusion of the Cullen Borough Green, Kent, a former military policeman, was at Maidstone crown court jailed for two years for illegal possession of two handguns Inquiry. The Shooters' Rights and more than 3,000 rounds of Association claimed that total ammunition. The judge told him: "The compensation for all hand-guns, accessories, safes, etc, and for the closure of all message has got to go out that for anybody to possess weapons of this kind without related businesses could cost as much as £1 billion. a firearms certificate is a very serious offence, which ... will How many illegally held inevitably attract a sentence weapons are there? of imprisonment." Impossible to say. An esti-Maximum sentence for illemate of between one million gal possession of a pistol is and four million is most comcurrently five years, for other monly floated but it is a guess and not backed by any facts or real research. There were firearms 10 years. How many gun clubs are 14,755 offences committed with firearms in 1994, which | there? would seem to indicate that There are 2,118 "approved" the vast majority of the esti- clubs in Great Britain. Ap- | will not want to continue | Duncan Campbell

mated illegally held firearms, proved means a club is regis- shooting under the changed if they exist, are not used for tered with the Home Office rules or because of the costs but people with firearms cer-tificates can legally build a range and use it as a club. Many of the clubs were formed after 1906 when the

government encouraged people to take up shooting in the wake of the Boer War because the nation's general ignorance of firearms had been exposed. Many of the early clubs were workplace-based. How are the weapons stored?

Currently in an armoury with a triple-locked door and alarm is the recommende way, with individually keyed safes inside the armoury, The new requirements are much more stringent and many of the existing clubs would have to spend heavily to abide by them. In future, all clubs will be licensed by either the Home Secretary or the Secretary of State for Scotland. Clubs will have to install reinforced walls, approved safes, metal detectors to stop guns being removed illegally, perimeter fences and burglar alarms linked directly to

police stations. If owners of .22 pistols cannot find a club they will have to lodge their weapons temporarily with police. If they are unable to find a permanent home, the guns will be calibre pistols. destroyed. Will the clubs survive? John Hoare, secretary of the National Small-Bore Rifle

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Association, believes that the vast majority will now close. Other shooters agree that the changes will "decimate" clubs, either because people

involved in changing and reinforcing the clubs.

Will gun shops go out of business? Some already have. There are 2,470 dealers in the country employing a total of around 10,000 people. Since Dunblane and the set-

ting up of the Cullen Inquiry. sales have dropped dramati-cally in anticipation of at least a partial ban. Gunsmiths who manufacturer parts and carry out repairs will also be out of work.

Can .22s do as much damage as other higher

calibre handguns? The Police Federation say that the 22 is "just as capable of killing as a larger calibre weapon." A shot from a 22 could kill at up to 100 yards and travel for nearly a mile. But higher calibre weapons are capable of inflicting greater damage than lower calibre weapons.

Does this mean the effective end of shooting as a sport in Britain? No, but it would have a major effect on it. Some internationally recognised target shootseat ing competitions, including the Olympic Games, are already restricted to .22 inch But the vast majority, in-

Games, are for pistols of up to .38 calibre.

The British Shooting Sports Council claim the handgun disciplines in the Olympics are only a very small part of the sport.

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PARENTS bereaved by the Dunblane massacre vowed yesterday to continue to campaign for a complete ban on handguns. At a tense and emotional news conference, they dismissed both Lord Cullen's report and the Govern-

ment's response to it as un-acceptable compromises. The families said in a statement: "This is a com-promise. It will result in

the deaths of more innocent people. It is not acceptable to us. It should not be acceptable to the people of Mick North, whose daughter, Sophie, was mur-dered at the school with 15 other pupils, complained that Lord Cullen had "missed the bigger

picture". bring back full-bore." In a further blow to the Government, the chief or-ganisers of the Snowdrop Petition warned they will now begin discussion with the Labour Party, an alliance that could have impli-cations for the general whose daughter, Emily,

his vulnerable Stirling The bereaved families'

rebuff will embarrass John Major and perhaps upset members of the wider Dunblane community, which cluding Commonwealth has been hoping that their town could be allowed to drop out of the headlines. seems ironic it should pro-vide a compromise on pub-The publicity of the past few months has frightened attracted an unwelcome in- would immediately enter

> day trippers. Mrs Pearston, a 40-year-

flux of sensation-seeking talks with Labour, which



At the Safari gun club in Chingford, Essex, Richard Law fires a Smith and Wesson Magnum PHOTOGRAPH DAVID SELITOE

old mother of three, pre-dicted the gun lobby would take advantage of the Gov-SHOOTERS ernment's willingness to tolerate .22-calibre weapons. "But in a few weapons. But in a rew years they will flood money back into the sport," she said. "When they think we're not going to look any more, they're going to push the door open and they will bring back full.borg Angry gun clubs

tace closure for sake of Mrs Pearston was prepolitical point'

ceded by a brief, massed gathering of the parents of THE weekly practice ses-sion of the South Downs Rifle and Pistol Club last the murdered and injured

schoolchildren. The official response was night was more like a wake. "We shall probably have to pack in because we don't shoot with the smaller pis-tols," club secretary Christo-pher Reader said. "In any election. Ann Pearston again on March I3. He said that hinted she might stand against the Scottish Secre-tary, Michael Forsyth, in ceptable level of public case, there's nowhere to store safety". Mrs Pearston ridiculed .22 pistols here: it's damp and

it sometimes floods." For years, the 63 members of the club have been meeting at the range below Brighton the notion that the Olympic shooting disciplines justified exempting .22 calibre weapons from the general ban: "The Olympic Games promenade: harmless, lawabiding men and women who is a celebration of life. It regard shooting simply as a sport, according to Mr vide a compromise on pub-Reader. Now his .45 Smith and Weslic safety in Britain."

Mrs Pearston warned sop revolver is either heading away long-stay tourists and that her organisation for the scrap heap or the workshop to be de-activated by a gunsmith.

This is my sport, my supports a full ban. Erlend Clouston

less pleasure and led to many friendships; and now every-thing has gone," said Mr Reader, a gun enthusiast for

25 years. "For a political point the Government is destroying a sport which millions enjoy, yet they will not make a no-ticeable difference to public safety with these measures." He believes weapons will find their way from law-abiding people to criminals. Moves to store the smallest 22 weapons in central compounds were not only imprac-ticable but potentially more dangerous because they could become "terrorist targets." Richard Law, secretary of

the Shooters' Rights Associa-tion, could not contain his anger. "This is the behaviour of a Third World dictatorship rather than a Western democracy," he thundered. "The plans are not practical or relevant.

Mr Law runs the association from his farmhouse at Llanfyrnach near Carmarthen in south-west Wales. where he operates as a gun dealer and organises shooting courses at a range attached to his property. He says he is still awaiting

compensation from the Home Office for the confiscation of a weapon held legally by his wife after the Hungerford massacre in 1987, when self-loading rifles were banned.

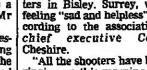
Alex Boyd, secretary of Cal-lander Rifle and Pistol Club, in Perthshire, who refused Thomas Hamilton member-ship six weeks before the Dunblane massacre, said he would mount a legal chal-lenge to the Government's proposal, and was prepared to take the case to Europe.

"Picking on the gun clubs is the easy way out. Blame us and everyone's happy — well it is not good enough. "We are not going to let them get away with it," Mr Boyd said.

Shooters at the National Rifle Association's headquarters in Bisley. Surrey, were feeling "sad and helpless", ac-cording to the association's chief executive Colin

"All the shooters have been ringing up this morning say-ing "What are we going to do?"

hobby; it has given me end- Peter Hetherington



## BRITAIN



Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall pose together in happier times. But the model is said to be enraged by her husband's inveterate womanising and is seeking a divorce



# Jagger and Hall prepare to split

#### Alex Bellos on rock's premier couple

tive she would be unlikely

to divorce in this country, where she lives with the children. "It would be sur-

prising if somebody in her position wanted to divorce in this country," said Mark

Stephens, who recently rep-resented Paula Yates in her custody battle with Bob Geldof.

"Normally we would see this happen in California, where he would have to

give up 50 per cent of every-thing he owns. If it's in this country, she will get what is sufficient for her needs

and the needs of the children."

The pair have been

together for almost 20 years since Jagger "stole" her from then-boyfriend,

Bryan Ferry. Jagger was married at the time to his first wife, Bianca Rosa

Perez-Marcias.

PECULATION grew yesterday that Mick and Jerry would be the latest celebrity couple to join Charles and Di and Bob and Paula in untying the knot in 1996. In a manner fitting her

position as half of rock's premier couple, Jerry Hall has contacted the Princess of Wales's divorce lawyer, Anthony Julius. He said: "I have instruc-

tions from my client that I should make no comment in connection with this inquiry," which was widely interpreted as meaning she would imminently start proceedings against Mick Jagger, her husband of six rears.

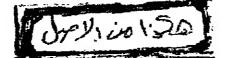
Ms Hall, aged 40, and mother of three of Jagger's children, has always been aware of her husband's phi-landering but is said to have snapped after he was recently spotted with a number of women, includ-



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Film star Uma Thurman, who is reported to have been seen in a passionate clinch with Jagger in a Los Angeles nightclub before he moved on to a night with a Czech model Jagger and Ms Hall have





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Stuart Millar on the evidence that led to lorry driver being convicted of murder



Bernard and Beatrice Figard, at a press conference following the verdict, above; Stuart Morgan, below, who was found guilty of her murder and sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday; and Miss Figard, right Photograph Above JANES DAVES



'What you did to Celine has caused revulsion in the minds of all right-thinking people'

## Champagne led to trucker who killed

Dorset. At weekends, when the 37-year-old owner-driver was not transporting loads around the country from the container terminal at Southampton, the lorry could be found parked in the forecourt of the petrol station across the road from his home.

TUART MORGAN'S white Mercedes lorry was a familiar sight in Bourne-mouth Road, Poole, their support. He was opposed to the death penalty, he said, but he hoped life would mean life in Morgan's case "because this type of monster is not capable of being cured".

The vital link between Morgan's parking arrangements and his conviction came when he left the lorry on the

"kept a very cool head volved in selling goods tancy student, aged 19, was on indeed". The champagne was the lorry drivers from Europe. In her home near the Francoindeed" The champagne was the most important of a number most important of a number of trails that led police to the stocky, bearded lorry driver after one of the biggest inves-tigations seen in this country.

ISS Figard's disappearance on December 19, when she was seen leaving a Britain he bought beer, spirits and tobacco from drivers in lay-bys and at ser-vice stations. He claimed in court that this was how he got the champagne. Behind the docile domestic

veneer, Morgan was a serial philanderer. As he said in court: "I am of the character where I flirt happily and play-

Swiss border to spend Christmas at the hotel in Fordingbridge in the New Forest, where she had worked the previous summer to improve her English.

Her second cousin, Jean-Marc Figard, a trainee man-ager at the hotel, had ar-ranged the job for her. She had overcome public sector who said they had beard

Kent, as far as the Chieveley | going to Salisbury remains service area on the M4 in Berkshire, where she apunclear. proached the driver of a white Mercedes lorry for a lift to Salisbury as he sat in the cab.

lay-by.

At first there had been no panic at the hotel when Miss Figard did not arrive that evelower bunk before continuing ning as planned. But by the to Southampton. It was, the next day the owners and her prosecution said, "an act of cousin became concerned. They contacted her parents, calculated and unmitigated wickedness".

Shortly after they left Chieveley, he pulled over and raped, beat and strangled his assenger, her hands probably bound with adhesive tape. He stored her body on the

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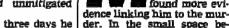
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seduced him in the lay-by Her best friend later testified that Miss Figard had been wary of men since the end of a four-year relationship in

**BRITAIN 5** 

SANWHILE. police searching Morgan's home found more evidence linking him to the mur-



For the next three days he drove considerable distances tween the carden wall and the

lt was a friendly agreement which ultimately contributed to his life imprisonment yesterday at Worcester crown court for the murder of the French student Celine Figard last December. He was found guilty in a unanimous verdict by the jury of nine women and two men after four hours of deliberation. Mr Justice Latham told Morgan he had been convicted "on the clearest evidence. What you did to Celine has caused revulsion in the minds of all right-thinking

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people. "I consider that you are a dangerous man and will so report to the Home Secretary."

garage forecourt last Christmas and gave some of the staff presents which included two bottles of rare vintage Champagne which he labelled "from Stuart". What the recipients did not know was that the bottles had

been taken from the luggage of Miss Figard, whose raped and beaten body lay a short distance from them, on the lower bunk of Morgan's

blood-splattered cab. The body would lie there for 10 days until he dumped it in a lay-by on the A449 near Worcester, where it was

found in undergrowth by a motorist on December 29. Throughout this time, the He had no serious previous prosecution said, Morgan convictions, but had been in-

service station in what turned out to be Morgan's lorry, drew enormous publicity. On the surface, Morgan was character. a family man who worked

long hours through the week but would falsify his tachograph records to get home to his second wife, Glynda, and son, Stuart, aged 11, at the weekend. His background was unre-markable. After leaving

school in Kent he had worked as a plumbing and heating engineer until 1991, when he put himself through an HGV driving course and began his career as a long-distance lorry driver.

Figard. The shy, popular accoun-

fully with women." Even Stustrikes in France to make it art Jones QC, defending, described him as a despicable

He divorced his first wife, the first visit. Catherine, with whom he had twin sons, in 1986 after a four-ATHER year affair with Glynda, 1.1 whom he married in 1994. Even after their son was born in 1985, Morgan saw other women. He had a seven-year Bernard and Martine, arrelationship with Alison Philranged for the son of a family brook, of Wigan, who sold his illegal goods. He also had sex friend to take her in his lorry through the Channel Tunnel. On the way they had stopped at the vineyard of Pascal Chrétien, who preon several occasions with a female lorry driver, and, he claimed, frequently enjoyed casual sex with hitchhikers he picked up - like Celine sented Miss Figard with the two bottles of his 1993 vintage

nothing and asked that she be reported missing. By the time her body was back for a holiday she had been planning from the mofound, police were already treating the case as murder ment she returned home after

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and had begun the mammoth task of tracking down the driver of the white Mercedes than allowing her to originally thought to be pulling a refrigerated trailer
 who clearly held the key to hitchhike through France, her devout the murder. That driver was Morgan.

hunt for the driver proved Apparently sensing the op-portunity for another encounfruitless. More than 25,000 letters were sent to road haul ter with a hitchhiker, he agreed to give Miss Figard a iers asking for help, and offi-cers began contacting each of lift, even though Salisbury the 7,500 owners of white Merwas well off his route to Southampton. Whether he cedes lorries. Morgan was among those paid a routine champagne. Another French driver took her from Ashford, persuaded her to go to South-ampton or pretended he was visit. At first he stuck to the story

garage wall, they found the with the body behind him, then parked in the petrol contents of Miss Figard's micksack: a toilet hag a CD a station for Christmas. There is evidence that he intended photograph montage and to dismember the body before burying it, but in the early hours of December 29, his

Inside the garage they found the foul-smelling lower bunk from the cab, still damp with blood two months after first opportunity after the break, he dumped it in the the murder. The blood had de-For almost a month the composed and could not be tested, but DNA analysis of tiny blood spots inside the cab showed that Miss Figard had not left his lorry unbarmed as be claimed.

A search of a warehouse complex in Shropshire, visited by Morgan on the day the body was dumped, uncovered a pair of socks and underwear that he had not been anyidentified as Miss Figard's as where near Chieveley on the well as a French coin. Witday Miss Figard disappeared and later produced falsified tachograph records to back nesses saw a fire by the lorry that morning; the prosecution claimed he destroyed the rest up the tale. But when he of her belongings in it.

Morgan was charged with her murder, a charge he strenuously denied through-out the trial. Even in the dock refused to undergo DNA anal-ysis, and mobile phone re-cords showed he had indeed been near Chieveley that day, he changed his story, which the prosecution said defied his name became the first and truth, common sense and on many occasions even com-

mon decency". Senior officers said after bottles of champagne the same as those given to Miss Figard yesterday's verdict that there was no evidence Morgan had killed anyone else. But a de-tailed intelligence dossier of turned up at the petrol station, police felt they had Morgan's movements as a lorry driver would be passed to all police forces in the UK On February 17 he was arrested, his lorry impounded and his home searched, but still he stuck to his story. The and, through the National Criminal Intelligence Service,

turning point came when an English driver whom Miss Fi-Meanwhile, the lay-by where her body was found has become a shrine to Miss gard had also approached at Chieveley picked Morgan out in an identity parade. At this Figard, with fresh flowers, a point his web of elaborate and hand-carved mosaic of wood depicting a white dove and an increasingly fantastic lies inscription carved in the fence: "Le Jardin de Celine.

began to unravel. He admitted that he had In the nearby Ombersley there are plans to open a mepicked Miss Figard up but said he had dropped her safely in Southampton. When morial garden in the grounds DNA evidence showed he had had intercourse with her, he of St Andrew's parish church which will contain a stone claimed it had been consensu-al, and that Miss Figard had dedicated to Celine and all

> The "famous wives' club" gibe makes a serious point. Architects work in partnerships. Architects also seem to marry other architects, and in many cases the work of the female half of the team is subsumed under the name of the male half.

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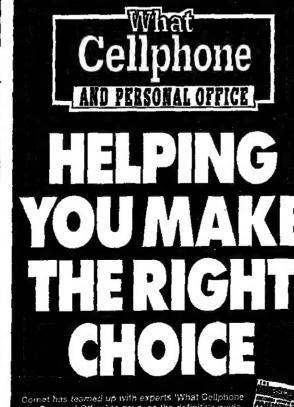
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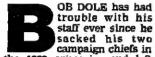
## **6 WORLD NEWS**

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## Dole team stuck on dead end trail

Martin Walker and Jonathan Freedland Washington



the 1988 primaries and left them stranded on a Florida runway as his plane took off.

This time round bas not been much better. The Republican presidential candidate is on his third team of campaign advisers after two bruising purges. Recently sacked aide Mike

Murphy calls Mr Dole's Washington headquarters "the Kremlin" and relations inside are grim. Campaign manager Scott Reed erupted in fury last week against the vice-presidential candidate Jack Kemp for lacking aggres-sion in the televised debates.

Mr Kemp said he was

following Mr Dole's orders to treat Bill Clinton as "our opponent, not our enemy". Slammed doors and gium

silences have been the norm in the Dole campaign all year. with the brief exception of the San Diego convention. Much of this is due to the frustration of Republicans, who face a flawed President Clinton but seem unable to deploy an effective strategy against him.

The turnaround was meant to come when the Republicans met for their August conven-tion. The week-long television show won rave reviews - internal rifts were hidden - but none of it translated into mo-

mentum for Mr Dole. That is because he was not the star of his show. He was upstaged by his wife, Eliza-beth, whose Oprah Winfrey-style stroll into the audience with a microphone was a wow - matched only by the

sparkling performance of retired general Colin Powell.

Mr Dole's speech was an at a New Jersey factory that ton, the master of politics as Forbes. Mr Dole spent his en-anti-climax: well-written but makes life rafts.

In California he has been jinxed. He mistakenly relo-cated the LA Dodgers to Brooklyn — they left in 1957 — referred to San Diego as poorly delivered and too much of a laundry-list to linger in the national memory. The real trouble with the campaign is the candidate. San Francisco, and gave pic-ture editors a metaphor for Mr Dole's advisers have blundered but they have been advising an abysmal cam- his campaign when he fell off paigner. On television he a platform in Chico.

Advisers have blundered but they have been advising an abysmal campaigner

looks like an undertaker, on Comedians still depict him the stump he is awkward. His as a snarling old man. When he attacks the president votrhetoric consists of podiumpounding repetition, and he stumbles on applause lines. He has made basic camers accuse him of being

negative. Mr Clinton's television adpaign errors. In New Hamp-shire he visited the Old Man verts have been relentlessly negative, but his honey tones Ale brewery as concern was sugar the message. Many mounting about his age. When panic gripped the Republican hierarchy, he scheduled a stop Republicans wonder whether any candidate could have done much better against Mr Clin-

Moreover, insiders see three structural reasons for the weakness of Mr Dole's campaign. First, the Republican Party was hurled on to the defensive by a public backlash against its shut-down of chunks of govern-ment in last winter's failed at-

> ratings. Forbes spent \$30 million (about £20 million) on television advertising that attacked mainly Mr Dole. Having lost New Hampshire to Pat Buchanan, and Arizona to Mr and prosperity.

tire war chest in winning the southern states and the Midwest primaries which secured

him the nomination. But with no money left, the Dole campaign deserted the airwaves from the end of April until mid-August. Meanwhile, Mr Clinton poured the \$35 million he did writes Martin Walker. not need to spend in the primaries into sunnily optimis-tic adverts that drove up his

When the Republicans were the presidency, and Mr Dole spending money, half of it was to attack Mr Dole. When has some financial-political embarrassments of his own. Filegate The improper gathering of confidential FBI the Democrats spent, it was all on Mr Clinton. That sums up the dynamics of the elecfiles on Republicans was distion year and helps explain the double-figure lead the president has enjoyed for missed by Mr Clinton as a bureaucratic mistake. Mr Dole described it as a sinister eight months. It also gives Mr Dole an *excuse*, raising the question whether any Repubmisuse of presidential power. Travelgate The role of Hil-lary Clinton in the dismissal lican could have beaten the of White House travel staff looks to be legally perilous for the First Lady, who denies inincumbent in a year of peace

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**Mexican drug** 

baron convicted

\$10.5 million (about \$7 million) in drug profits.

### Chinks in Clinton's armour

R DOLE'S recent attack on Mr Clinton's ethics volvement. Mr Dole says an innocent man was railroaded distinguishes between per-Dirty administration Mr sonal failings, which are not a target, and the abuse of office, Dole lists 30 former Clinton team members who have been jailed or forced out by scandal which is seen as fair game, Indonesia A fund-raising Whitewater Mr Dole has in the past avoided this, because the investment took place scandal involving \$4 million raised from Asian businessmen. This complex brew inlong before Mr Clinton won volves human rights in East Timor. a \$250,000 retainer and an Indonesian gardener who gave the campaign \$425,000. None of this looks illegal, but it smells fishy. Convicted partners Mr Clinton's successor as Arkansas governor, Jim Guy Tucker, was convicted of fraud along with Mr Clinton's Whitewater pariners James and Susan McDougal. Trust This adds up, says Mr Dole, to imperil "the integrity of the presidency itself".

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New generation of rebels prowl Nicaragua's hills

Poverty precludes an United Front issued a state-early end to contras. early end to contras, workers and observers in the north. The army said the which Comandante Toño said writes Phil Gunson group comprised fewer than 25 former Sandinista soldiers. was doomed to failure. in Matagalpa

the luxury of having a zone of permanent conflict," he said; Virtually all previous ex-San-OMANDANTE Toño demobilised. the only solution was to con-

"We can't allow ourselves



tempt to bully Mr Clinton into swallowing deep budget cuts. Second, as the electoral season was just beginning in late 1995, all the political oxygen and much of the money was sucked away by the Republicans' long, vain wait for the reluctant Gen Powell. The third reason was the bruising primary season. The publishing billionaire Steve

stured at the steen. The government views wooded hills, recalling the war that officially ended six years ago

This is a city with natural defences," he said. "The San-dinistas always held the hilltop positions - we never penetrated Matagalpa itself."

Even so, the former contra commander - real name Walter Calderón — was a big headache for the Sandinista army. He led the Jorge Salazar regional task force, the most effective fighting unit of Honduras. the Nicaraguan Resistance --the last of several names

under which contras fought. Later, Comandante Toño headed tactical operations for the contras, who with United States support became one of the biggest guerrilla armies in modern Latin America.

He took part in negotiations which eventually led to the 1990 peace accord and the demobilisation of 22,000 anti-Sandinista rebels. But even today — after numerous pacts and amnesties and a good deal more killing - an estimated 400-500 recontras roam the hills of north Nicaragua. Yesterday a group calling

them as bandits to be hunted this desperately poor area. Enrique Bolaños, a private sector lesder and running down. The true situation is more complex. "In reality, the rearmed mate of rightwinger Arnoldo groups [rearmados] are the Alemán in Sunday's election, authority in the northern boragrees. "There is no employ der areas where they open ment, so people use that as an ate," said a foreign expert. He said that in addition to excuse to become bandits."

With investment and police work, he said, an Alemán govgroups of common criminals, at least 20 small bands led by ernment would resolve the former contras were operat-ing along the border with situation in six months. Most of the Nicaraguan

Resistance, now called the PRN party, supports Mr They execute alleged crimi-nals and issue communiques Jemá

centrate foreign aid money

accusing the government of But in a surprise move last month, the Sandinista presi-dential candidate, Daniel Or-Violeta Chamorro of collaborating with the Sandinistas and not keeping promises of land for demobilised contras. tega, signed a pact with a breakaway faction claiming The most disturbing trend to represent 4,000 ex-contras. The agreement went down badly with both bands of foris that, while the leadership is composed of ex-contras, most of the rearmados are too mer adversaries.

young to have fought in the 1980s. Six years on, it seems the war can still not be laid to

"The circumstances of life rest. But there are hopeful in this region make it much signs. Few on either side are interested in restarting the war, and Comandante Tono's more attractive to go around with a gun and call yourself king of the mountain, rather position is more representathan being just another starv-ing peasant." the source said. The deaths of several reartive than that of the recon-tras. "We must forget revenge," he said.

Uma Alexis tends her craft stall in Havana yesterday behind a plaque of Che Guevara. She is among thousands of self-employed in Cuba who are protecting against proposed taxes on vendors and family businesses. The government, which authorised self-employment in 1993, has already delayed the taxes because of protests PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN MacONNACO

## **Tough times put brake** on Argentina's jet set

paign last summer

with Coppola?"

### Federico Eves in Buenos Aires

**RESIDENT** Carlos Saul RESIDENT Carlos Saúl Menem advised Argen-tiplan agrants at a tinian parents at a drugs seminar "to make sure their children avoid bad company" yesterday. Until recently, two frequent visi-tors to his Olivos residence were the football star Diego Maradons and his manager Guillermo Coppola — the for-mer a cocaine addict, the latter in jall for the past week on drug-dealing charges. Mr Coppola, aged 49, used his mobile phone to invite 20

friends to his birthday behind bars on Saturday, and a tear-ful Maradona took him a colour television on Sunday. But the investigating judge, Hernán Bernasconi, put a stop to the privileges.

Times are tough for the bronzed jet set that has flourished since Mr Menem came

to power in 1989. Mr Coppo- | mer soccer international, Al-la's arrest raises questions | berto "the Rabbit" Tarantini, went down for drugs the same about what class of person the president lets, not just into Olivos, but into his cabinet. day as Mr Coppola

Mr Coppola has had brushes with the law — on drug charges and over the murder of a nightclub owner Mr Coppola is a friend of Mr Menem's private secre-tary, Ramon Hernandez. The president, who champions the death penalty for drug dealers, was persuaded by Mr Hernandez and Mr Coppola to

murder of a nightclub owner in 1994. But his arrest sur-prised those who assumed friends in high places could keep you out of jail. The Peronist government must show that is no longer the case; especially since Mr Menem, his popularity in the doldnums announced as all make Maradona head his "Sun Without Drugs" cam-In May last sommer. In May last year, Maradona and Mr Coppola were at the presidential palace for Mr Menem's re-election party. Mr Menem's aides said they could provide methods by Condoldrums, announced an all-out campaign against corruption the night before Mr Cop pola's arrest. could recall meeting Mr Cop-

The opposition is seeking mileage out of Mr Coppola's pola at Olivos only "occasion-ally". But Mr Menem said: links with Mr Menem. Carlos Who in the world of sports Alvarez, leader of the Frepaso can say they had no dealings realization rolled Mr Coppola un emidem of an ostenta-Judge Bernasconi warns of more arrests. Maradona's leni government that sees brother-in-law, Gabriel "the power as just an opportunity Walrus" Esposito, and the for-to enjoy itself".

He reportedly doled out bribes to Mexican officials to have them look the other way. Among Garcia Abrego's alleged associates was Raúl Salinas, elder brother of the former presi-

JUAN GARCIA ABREGO, the Mexican drug cartel leader, was convicted in Houston yesterday of masterminding the trans-

port of tons of cocaine into the United States and laundering

dent, Carlos Salinas de Gortari. The verdict was followed by a property forfeiture hearing at which District Judge Ewing Werlein Jr instructed jurors to determine an amount to be seized by the government as coming from Illegal drug profits. - AP, Houston.

#### French strike to hit airports

TRAFFIC into French alroorts and ports is expected to be hit today as up to 5 million public sector workers go on strike to demand job security and pay negotistions in the face of government cuts.

At the forefront of demonstrations will be defence industry workers, threatened with 50,000 job cuts over five years. Air traffic controllers and dockers are expected to support the strike. Transport companies expect one in three local, long-distance and Paris Metro trains to run. The Eurostar is not expected to be affected. However, most schools and town halls will be closed and emergency services only will be guaranteed in hospitals. — Alex Duval Smith, Paris,

#### **British paedophile jailed**

A BRITON, Paul Thompson, has been jailed for two years for paedophile offences in Albania, involving immoral acts with two boys, after his appeal failed.

boys, after his appear lance. Thompson, aged 34, of Ashford, Kent, was arrested in Tirana after a visit to Durres. The two boys had accompanied him. He is divorced with two children. He has a previous conviction for sexual misconduct with two children in Maine. He was jailed for 12 years but released after five years. The father of one of the children had come to the Appeal Court

to give a statement, but was not allowed to speak. After the hearing he said Thompson had taken a shower with the boys and had washed their hair with English sharpoo, but had not inter-fered with them. — Joanna Robertson, Tirana.

#### US blocks trade inquiry

THE United States yesterday refused to set up a panel requested This onlies states yesterday recused to ser up a panel requested by the European Union to determine whether the Helms-Burton law on investment in Cuba fitted global free trade rules. Booth Gardner, US ambassador to the World Trade Organisa-tion, appealed to the EU to reconsider its request, arguing that the

case was a political question and not a trade issue. But a neutral panel on the Helms-Burton dispute will be created

automatically at the next regular meeting of the dispute settle-ment body scheduled for November 20, three weeks after the US presidential election. A member state may refuse only once to set up a panel. — *Reuter, Generoc.* 

#### Smuggler's fine art foiled

A CUSTOMS officer at Barajas airport, Madrid, became suspi-A CUSTOMS oncer at Barajas airport, Matrid, became suspi-cious when a woman travelling from Colombia, with a passport identifying her as a fine arts professor, did not know the differ-ence between Gothic and Romanesque art. She was jailed after police found in her suitcase fibs of cocaine, valued at 30 million pescas (£150,000), the newspaper El Pais reported — AP Matrid

reported - AP, Madrid,

Within this vast book, a hodgepodge of theory, anecdote, prejudice and rhetoric, there is an interesting, small book struggling to get out. Natasha Walter reads Nancy Friday

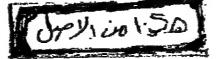
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### **WORLD NEWS 7**

## Relaxation of rules likely to cause alarm in Germany

## EC risks split on single currency

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HE European Commission yesterday risked a damaging split with German monetary disciplinarians by signalling a readiness to waive the strict rules over European monetary union for countries in economic difficulty.

The Commission said econber governments. omies facing a "severe" recession or huge problems not of their own making may be allowed to exceed budget defi-cit limits outlined by the

Maastricht treaty. They would receive tempo-rary exemption under the terms of a stability pact. The EC's approach on the pact and its insistence that unemployment, investment

and other economic factors be taken into account in moni-toring the performance of the single currency economies will be welcomed by most European Union governments and Britain's Labour Party.

But it may cause alarm in Germany where there is con-cern that too many countries are pressing to join the single currency in 1999.

lan Black Diplomatic Editor

lomats said yesterday.

The EC set out its ideas in proposals to be put to the heads of government summit in Dublin in December. The Burdenberk Product in State Corrective action. The EC believes this tough approach should be balanced

approach should be balanced by the recognition that a series of "exceptional and temporary" circumstances might warrant a more flexible Bundesbank and Bonn government have insisted on a precise definition of how serious a recession would have to be to justify the relaxation of

response, "For example, there might be a severe economic downrules. But after a three-bour debate yesterday the EC de-cided this should be left to the turn, or a country might face a drastic slump in production collective discretion of memdue to circumstances beyond Aware of German fears, the its control," Mr Santer said. Commission president, Jac-ques Santer, underlined the disciplines included in the stability pact. "These give as-surance that the Euro will be a credible and reliable pro-inert" he said in Brussels "It is very difficult to de-scribe statistically what a

severe economic downturn would be." Mr Santer and the commis sioner for monetary affairs, Yves Thibault de Silguy, had originally suggested that a recession would be deemed "serious" if national output foll built for a cent in a foll ect," he said in Brussels. He said governments should work towards long-term budgetary balance and fell by 1.5 per cent in a full year. But the EC yesterday warned that they might have to pay non-interest bearing deposits of between 0.2 per cent and 0.5 per cent of national production if their budget deficit exceeded 3 per cent any merce removed all figures from the definition of a recession, allowing each case to be judged by the council of fi-

cent in any year. If the offending member state continued to defy efforts to bring it back into line, the nance ministers on its merits. Mr Santer, asked how many EU countries would qualify for monetary union in 1999, replied: "As many as meet the deposits could then become permanent fines. Once it is clear that a country risks hav-ing "an excessive deficit" it in the past."



cue workers help a humpbacked whale stranded in shallow water pear Coolum on Australia's Gold Coast yesterday. The calf was finally freed after a even-hour operation involving a sling. It had been dragged into shallow water after following its mother into a shark net

## Afghan foot soldiers march on in the dark

Promiscuous alliances have left many in the ranks fighting more from habit than conviction, writes Jonathan Steele in Bamyan

shorter but more frequented

seven-hour journey down to the capital, Kabul, we encoun-

tered double that number. The pattern was constant.

Two or three young men with

Kalashnikov rifles - often aged no more than 16 - run

out and wave to the car to

stop. In their stone or mud-

brick headquarters a dozen others lounge over tea. The phrase "BBC" is usually

enough, though sometimes we have to explain who we work for and why journalists are their friends. Down goes

the rope or chain, and we are

on our way.

why his local leaders are fighting them. He has never been to school, because the village has no school. His mother and sisters

Rashid Dostam held peace talks with a Taliban govnever leave home because this is not accepted in the back-country. The Taliban day, Afghan sources said. Gen Dostam's four-hour militia's ban on professional women has shocked Kabul talks with Taliban's acting foreign minister, Mullah Mohammad Ghaus, were and the outside world. But it is fully in line with rural tra-ditions, regardless of whether the village is Sunni or Shia, Pashtun or Tajik. Field- and attended by the Pakistani interior minister, Naseerullah Babar, and the leader of house-work are all that women are allowed to do, even in small towns. the Shi'tte Muslim Hizbe Wahadat faction, Karim Khalili, the sources said.

During an hour's stop in Ghorband, while a puncture was fixed, we did not see a ousted government offered an immediate ceasefire with the Taliban if it evacuroman in the main street. "Fighting and shopping are all that Afghans ever do," a Kabul resident said. "If you

can keep them shopping, there's some hope." By shop-ping, he does not necessarily mean exchanging money for goods, so much as sitting with the shopkeeper over endless cups of tea. It is a male affair.

Fighting can be a mismo-mer. The Taliban's recent capture of Kabul and its ad-N KABUL and other cities you meet the "command-ers", the heads of the seven groups who led the struggle against the Russians. Take vance towards the Hindu Kush took place with barely a shot fired. After suffering two the back roads to the moun-tain villages, and you find the walk-on parts, the "Third Moor three ambushes, it retreated in the same way. Although the various jahed", a creature in a dusty turban and blanket, wearing groups have enough manpower to form an infantry this pre-supposes some will-ingness to combine. When the trainers which have lost their

Taliban holds talks with rival

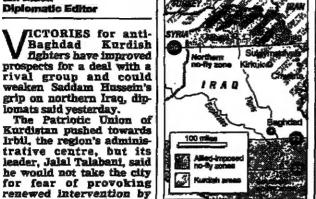
THE powerful northern talks on a political settle-warlord General Abdul ment. The foreign minister ment. The foreign minister of the Rabbani government, Abdul Rahim Ghafoorzai, told the United Nations Se curity Council in New York that loyalist forces had reached the gates of Kabul but were holding back to avoid civilian casualties.

Mr Ghafoorzai called for international pressure on the Taliban to accept the ceasefire conditions. The talks in Afghanistan

to resume today, were the first known high-level con-Meanwhile yesterday, the tact between Gen Dostam and the Taliban, which cap-tured Kabul on September ated Kabul and agreed to | 27. - Agencies.

In the absence of genuine | sides, running up a new flag when they hear a bigger group has taken power over infantry, destruction is usu-ally wrought from afar, the hill. In Doab heard of a thanks to the long-range weaponry rained on Afghani-stan during the cold war. Kagroup whom the locals called "Fake Taliban". When the bul was brought to ruin by bombs and shells in the years real Taliban was on its victory roll, these men entered pefore the Taliban advance. the town to take charge. Other wastage comes from reprisals. At Khatarhaq we When the tide turned, they hastily left.

saw a row of 30 shops which had been smashed and emp-They did not even loot — though they would have found precious little to take. tied last year by groups loyal to Cmdr Massoud. At the time, Cmdr Massoud's enemy We sat with Doab's newest guerrilla occupants in their was not the Taliban, but a sec-tion of the Hazara people. Yet Abdul Karim Khalili, their unfurnished living room. Supper consisted of bread and rice. At bedtime they simply



PUK victories raise hopes

of deal to thwart Saddam

President Saddam on be-half of the rival Kurdish

Democratic Party. "To do so would bring in Saddam again and Talabani knows he can't fight Sad-dam," a key British official

Meanwhile, KDP leaders prepared for talks with United States officials in

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last month, the PUK now controls about 60 per cent of Kurdistan. Its forces are poised to cut the main road

between Irbil and the KDP stronghold of Dohuk. Iraq yesterday again accused Iran of interfering in the Kurdish areas by backing the PUK. Sugges-

ish factions.

President Saddam or to Tehran. Its goal now is to contain the fighting, and avoid for-

ther damaging splits in allied ranks (after French dissent last month) and unwelcome surprises before next month's US presiden-

'S INVOLVE

HE middle-aged man in | dozen roadblocks. On the a camouflage jacket said with unconcealed pride: "I run a kind of university here. Every day I graduate a new fighter." The 30 illiterate young men in their twenties standing around him listened intently, their eyes searching ours for confirmation that we approved. We were on the north side

mediate between the Kurd-The US, which spearstan. The tide of war which began when the Russians in-tervened in 1979 revived an ancient fighting tradition that flourishes long after they

tial election. rifle for every man. Two generations of young

that the heavy weapons which turned the tide against the PUK last month have not been used. After Iraqi troops and tanks helped Mr Barzani take control of much of

heads an allied air force patrolling northern Iraq, fears losing more of its in-fluence in the region to have gone. It also modernised the hard-

#### Both Kurdish factions have been told that agree-

northern Iraq in a light-ning offensive, the US launched missiles at mili-tary targets in southern Iraq. It has since tried to of the Hindu Kush, on a back road that few foreigners have travelled in recent years, but it could have been almos anywhere in rural Afghani

ware. The group we had stum-bled upon had three armoured personnel carriers, one artillery piece, and a lorry with an anti-aircraft

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mons or Tenran Last week's fighting has been a serious reverse for Baghdad. It suggests that support support — have not been substantiated. last month's assumption that Kurdistan — autonomous and under an allied air umbrella since the end of the Guif war in 1991 had been "lost" was premature. After being almost com-

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ment — beyond discreet fi-nancial and logistical long-delayed food-for-oil deal to go ahead and bring humanitarian relief to all Analysts say the KDP Iragis hit by sanctions, eader. Massoud Barzani, The US state department leader. Massoud Barzani, The US state department was aware that his alliance said President Saddam had

with President Saddam angered his supporters. So far he has resisted the cials who would distribute

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fighting has become a way of of any significance except his Taliban lost the town of Char-life. In most mountain vil- gum. Ikar last weekend, the victors gun. Most countries' politics are

lages nothing seems to change except the enemies. an alphabet soup of party ini-tials. Afghan politics is more like a series of family trees, Local armed groups make and break alliances with military with a main group giving birth to factions which in promiscuity. The one con stant is that no one disarms. They just stash their weapons turn split. bottom branch, barely knowaway for the next round.

On a 13-hour journey from Doshi to Bamyan we passed a ing who the opponents are or not part of his army.

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ikar last weekend, the victors were not the forces of Ahmed

Shah Massoud, the ousted de-fence minister. They were local Tajiks who took the guns from under their beds and rose up against the Pash-tun invaders. They supported

Commander Massoud, their ethnic compatriot, but were the common pattern all over Afghanistan," he said.

leader, recently formed an almoved from a cross-legged po liance with Cmdr Massoud. Victory is often bought sition on the floor to a recumbent one.

rather than won. In Pul-i-Their one attraction was a Khumri, the provincial gover-nor, Said Jaffer Nadiri, said short-wave radio. The favour-ite was Radio Tehran, with he had captured six Taliban agents who had come to find the BBC a close second. A foreign voice on air brought news of the latest fighting. In the mountains, Third Mocommanders to bribe. "It is jahed cocked an ear and won-Sometimes people switch dered what it changed.



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## A victory for people

So far so good on guns. But there is more to do

the Home Secretary were a triumph for | and has already gone considerably furordinary citizens over the organised ther than the Cullen inquiry suggested. lobby. The new controls are far more stringent than this Government, with its umbilical links to the gun lobby, would ever have countenanced but for the nationwide anger over the massacre of 16 Dunblane children and their teacher in March. The true Tory position was revealed in August in the contemptible report produced by the Conservative majority on the Home Affairs select committee: not just the rejection of a ban on handguns but the repudiation of a host of other more modest ideas. But in the end, numbers mattered. There may be 57,000 people with handgun certificates, but 750,000 people signed the anti-handgun Snowdrop petition. Unlike the gun lobby, they did not employ professional lobbyists. Instead, they made their voices heard through every news outlet. Hav-ing come this far, they must not stop now. Yesterday was an important battle, but the war isn't over yet.

Michael Howard's package would ban all handguns from being held in private homes, ban all handguns larger than .22 calibre even from shooting clubs, and impose such stringent new security regulations on shooting clubs that, according to the Home Secretary, virtually all clubs would currently fall short. It would mean 80 per cent of the exist-ing 200,000 legally-held handguns in the country would have to be destroyed. There would no longer be any high calibre pistols or revolvers available to the public. No multi-shot or self-loading handguns could be held. Mail order sales of guns would be ended and so would the sale of expanding ammunition, used in Dunblane and designed to cause maximum injury. Britain would not have gone as far as Ireland or Japan

PEOPLE still count. Yesterday they but would have one of the toughest gun scored a spectacular victory. The gun controls announced in Parliament by public anger over guns, Michael How-

Sensibly, Dunblane parents are saying this is not enough. The Howard proposal would still permit 40,000 handguns to be held in clubs. Forensic experts say these single-shot guns could be converted into multi-shot weapons. Worse still, this political fudge is going to be far more difficult to police than a total ban. Some of the difficulties emerged as MPs cross-examined the Home Secretary yesterday. The hand-guns could be transported from one club to another but only under the escort of a third party. A .22 handgun can still kill. It remains more dangerous than a shotgun to the extent that it is more easily carried - and more easily concealed or camouflaged. The parents of the 16 murdered Dunblane children are right to talk about this "unacceptable compromise". They are right, too, to talk about the need to combat and reverse the growing gun culture in the UK.

The culture will not be reversed by just a handgun ban. There are two million registered shotguns and even more millions of air rifles. There is neither a licensing system nor an age limit on airguns. Chris Mullin, the Labour MP who drafted the minority report on gun control for the Home Affairs select committee, is right to want more controls on these weapons. Of course farmers and country people have a right - and a need - to shoot foxes, rabbits and other pests. But if handguns are to be banned from all homes, why cannot shotguns be banned from urban homes? This is for the future. A complete handgun ban is the immediate goal. One more push by the Snowdrop campaigners could produce an inspiring victory for flower power.

full of misrepresenta-tions and falsehoods, peddled by Robert Key in support of the proposed Salisbury bypass must be condemned as it is corrected (Duel carriage-Director, Friends way, October 15). This useless road will not of the Earth.

solve Salisbury's congestion problems. The Department of Transport (DoT) figures show that, for example, on part of the inner relief road, there would be 32,850 vehicles pass-

ing each day without a by-pass; and 30,000 vehicles with a bypass. A DoT witness admitted at the 1993 public inquiry that "it is not the func-tion of the bypass to sort out local traffic problems". Whatever Mr Key thrice de-

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nies, over 90 per cent of Salisoury's traffic is local, according to the DoT. Salisbury District Council now favours reopening the public inquiry to investigate alternatives; and the Department of the Environment privately opposes

the bypass. Indeed, the road will now

DoT's decision regarding the Salisbury bypass has not yet been announced, but it is interesting to speculate on how much influence a single MP could wield with a govern-ment that has such a slender

Marian Reed. 4 Prospect Place, Grove Lane,

\* born 14

AT last a rational view of bypasses — so different from the one-sided articles in Guardian Society. My village has been on important trunk routes since it was a Roman ettlement and the old Great North Road twists and turns through the centre of the village. Thankfully, a small bypass was built in 1927 and fur-ther relief came with the opening of the A1 (M) in 1972.

I cannot imagine Welwyn surviving as a pleasant vil-lage without these, and I could cite numerous towns struct and constitute it.

learn the difference between right and wrong ... and that there is such a thing as society", why, then, are so many young people, brought up in "normal" families, barely socialised, troubled and troublesome, and facing the future with despair? Why are so many people finding that their needs (and those of their children) for a

supportive and enabling domestic structure are to be found in radically different

roupings where power, rights and responsibilities are negotiated, not given? Whilst some families obviously function well, others are a disabling nightmare: values are brought into an in-

to amount to anything more It'll probably be me. Worst of all, I'm a socialist.

majority. (Dr) Philip Wilson. London N1 7JQ. Redlynch, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 2NT.

and villages up the A1 (Stam-

TONY BLAIR'S outburst on "family values" is unsci-entific populist tosh (Family key to society, says Blair, Oc-tober 15). If it is indeed "within the family that we light to difference here a build the family that we family ... just over a tenner a week per child.

is that low, all the verbal support in the world is worthle It would be nice if Tony Blair were to put his money where his prim little mouth is, and show a genuine commitment to families by supporting them in hand as well as heart

Jean Molloy. 25a Theodore Road, London SE13 6HT.

MY father is in his second marriage and my mother is remarried too. My sister is divorced. I live with my girlfriend, and my brother, unmarried, lives in a squat Would Tony Blair care to tell me which of us, if any, he con-siders "decent", and which of stitution by those who conus is a threat to the fabric of If Blair's moral crusade is society?

than another pointless but shot at Back to

HE profane clap-trap, | love cars of all shapes and | current government. The sizes. Cars are a good thing. I also love roads. I have always loved roads." Enough from the devil-worshippers. Charles Secrett, 26-38 Underwood Street, As "politically correct, emotional, fanatical,

green Johnnies-come-lately", we can only assume that the stream of lies and abuse contained within was designed to provoke. The opinion poli cited by key as showing 80 per cent support for the road has never been published, and rumour has it that the sample was taken largely from readers of the local Con-

servative Party newsletter. The figure that 94 per cent of traffic using the A38 is local comes directly from the evidence submitted to the public enquiry by the Department of Transport and freely

available to the public. Robert Key would be ford. Newark etc) which hav

On the road to nowhere All in the family: homosexuality, single parents, infidelity . . .

As long as the market rate

But don't just blame Belgium; the fault is widely sp

When a nation erupts . . .

now being felt by another country which has been shattered by a crime too shocking to comprehend. Yesterday a fresh wave of protest strikes erupted in Belgium at the news that a popular magistrate had been taken off the case of the alleged paedophile Marc Dutroux. It was the biggest display of mass emotion since King Baudouin died two years ago, and a huge vote of mistrust in the political system. Roads have been blocked, car workers have walked out of their factory, and firemen have used their hoses to demonstrate for clean government. More is to come on Sunday — with Belgian railways offering cheap day tickets for the big demonstration in Brussels. The publicity poster quotes from Albert Einstein: "The world is dangerous to live in not because of those who do evil but because of those who look on and let them do so." It is anger against those in power who have failed or have looked the other way, as much as anguish over the deaths of at least four girls, that fuels this remarkable explosion of public outrage

The trigger was the removal of investigating judge Jean-Marc Connerotte, who is supposed to present the evidence impartially on both sides, after he had attended a fund-raising dinner organised by a group campaigning against child abuse. This might seem a trivial misstep on his part where caution was outweighed by sympathy. But the real issue was less the decision itself than

THE EFFECT of nationwide trauma is the memory it revives of a previous occasion when Mr Connerotte was taken off a case --- that of the murder of the Mayor of Liege Andre Cools - in much more dubious circumstances. At the least, it is widely believed, the Cools case reveals the same mixture of incompetence and corruption which impeded proper investigation of Mr Dutroux for so long. At the worst, there may be an actual connection between Mr Cools's assassination (itself possibly linked to a massive robbery of stock certificates at Zaventem Airport in Brussels) and criminal activities (possibly including international car theft) which are associated with the paedophile network now being exposed.

> The ruling to remove Mr Connerotte taken by Belgium's highest court, following complaints from the two main defendants in the Dutroux case, appears to have been legally correct. But it is a sign of the delicacy of the situation that Belgium's Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene had appealed personally to the five judges to show some "creativity" in reaching their decision. Newspaper editorials have been sceptical, reflecting general concern about a cover-up. The justice minister has now promised to reinforce the investigative team with an additional judge but this will hardly allay disquiet. The wider context is of a society which for too long failed to look at itself with sufficient honesty. It is easy to judge poor little Belgium harshly: but the failing is more widespread.

### **Bottling out of real choices**

Why are we so seduced by the concept of mineral water?

society until we work out exactly why it | mineral water has reached a new frenzy is that so many of us spend good money buying mineral water when tap water is perfectly adequate. A bottle of mineral water costs around 60p for which outlay you could get over 1,500 pints of tap water piped to your home. A recent Which? survey found that bottled waters weren't necessarily healthier than tap water and expert tasters couldn't tell the difference between assorted bottled and various still mineral waters: nor between bottled still water and tap water once it had passed though a simple filter - obtainable in most stores -- to remove the taste of chlorine.

Our love affair with mineral water reaches a fatuous scale in restaurants where punters are prepared to pay anything from £2 to as much as £5 for a bottle of bubbly water rather than risk the social ignominy of asking for a glass | with a stiff glass of tap water to hand.

WE WONT fully understand modern | from out of the tap. The success of with the battalions of bottled water flavoured with exotic tastes like blackberry or tangerine now sold in supermarkets at premium prices.

A report by the independent Food Commission this week found that many of the 24 varieties sampled contained artificial sweeteners and that more than half contained the preservative E211, an agent linked to hyperactivity, asthma and skin rashes. According to the report they are often sold next to mineral water and people are deceived into thinking they are healthy products. If people really want to continue to drink such triumphs of the marketing arts then we will, of course, defend to the death their right to do so. But equally strongly we will defend their right to read the small print to see what the ingredients really are. Preferably

fic, although the DoT now re-fuses to release the study showing exactly by how much. Why, if the road will be such a traffic blessing? Friends of the Earth is challenging this devilish secrecy in the High Court.

If built, the bypass will desecrate 700-year-old views of the cathedral's magnificient, medieval spire, and will pass Constable's world-famous scenes for his celebrated paintings of the cathedral. The road will ravage a wildflower-rich Site of Special Scientific Interest (supposedly protected in law), and straddle the Avon, Nadder and Wylye rivers, which form nart of probably our best surviving chalk river system.

must not forget that Robert Key is that self-same advocate who, as Minister for Roads, proudly boasted to an Auto Express magazine lunch

#### Sports news

PLEASE publish the names, addresses and phone numbers of the proprietor, editor and reporting staff of the Sport newspapers (The sport of misogyny, Octo-ber 16), so that I and other of your readers can let them know directly how we feel about their papers. I under-stand this is a system of pub-lic accountability that the Sport itself particularly favours.

Peter Giffin. New North Road, London N1.

Overheard at Birmingday: "The delay to the Bristol train has been caused by the failure of a preceding train owned by another company. I despair.

Ten Commandments, whose scriptwriter is certainly old enough to leave John Buil's trio (Letters, October 16) at the starting post Martin Shore. 29 Clinton Road Leatherhead KT22 8NU.

COME from Domestic Street in Leeds (David McKie, October 16), which was quite pleasant, Pleasant View, close by, was very domestic. I don't know what symbolism is in the fact that Perseverance Street, near Leeds United football ground, was only about 20 yards long. Tony Hodgson. 14 High Street, Ingham, Lincoln LNI 2YW.

man for the DoT stated at the public enquiry: "It would be wrong to give the public the impression that the bypass would take traffic out of the city centre. The third point is the location of Key's house. It lies next to the existing A36. Key would be a direct beneficiary

of the road as proposed by the DoT. However, a small-scale bypass of two villages also on the line of the A36, proposed in the early 1980s by the district council and since then by a variety of organisations, would end in a junction by Key's front garden. The local scheme has attracted none of the partisan

support that Key has given to the DoT's grandiose propos als. Such a flagrant absuse of an MP's position of authority for personal advantage would appear to be yet another example of the sleaze and corin 1993 that: "I love cars. I ruption that permeates our

more balanced appraisals of by passes instead of the usual biased, politically inspired condemnations. P Clarke. Becket Gardens, Welwyn, Herts AL6. HE only one telling lies about the proposed Salis-

bury bypass is Robert Key himself, when he says that the road will not be a drain on the taxpayer because it will be funded by the Govern-ment's "design, build, finance and operate" contract As he well knows, the open

ator will be paid in so-called "shadow tolls", which come not from the motorists who use it but from central-goverament funds - ie tax-payers. Ross Clark. 31 School Lane. Haslingfield,

### Cambridge CB3 7JL.



#### The NHS, supermarket tested

STEPHEN Dorrell wants to rejuvenate the NHS by sitare conspicuous by their absence. The main source of supply is the off-licence-cuming GP surgeries in super-markets (Big primary health newsagent-cum-grocery-store where provisions are rarely fresh, choice is limited and shake-up may give new role to nurses, October 16). Press releases suggest this would be most beneficial to inner-city patients. As a GP in Collyprofit margins are high. By all means let the supermarket chains come to Collyhurst. hurst, Manchester, an area that none could deny debut only then can the minister talk about a bealth gain. served the title inner city, I (Dr) Harold Weinstock. Whitley Road Medical Centre, have been struck by the difficulties my patients have in 1 Whitley Road, finding healthy, affordable Collyhurst, food. The supermarket chains | Manchester M40 7QH.

#### We're getting rich. Please hold

OW I sympathise with answered John Preston (Letters, Oc- ible." So t ible." So there you sit, terrified to hang up in case you lose your place in the virtual tober 15), despairing victim of automatic switchboard syn-drome. But I'm afraid his plea reality queue. How long you wait depends on how many phone-anguiry staff the comto companies will not dissuade them because the auto-matic switchboard is a quite pany has now discovered it can "let go". As your phone brilliant little earner for both them and BT. Consider. The minutes clock up, you can sweet-sounding recorded reflect that not only has the voice tells you to press "one", if you want such and such company's wage bill burden been neatly shifted onto your phone bill, but the increase in "two" if you want so and so, and so forth, until the bottom line is reached: "I'm sorry, all your phone bill has also delighted BT. our operators are busy. Stanley Waiinets. Mickleton, Barnard Castle, Please hold the line, your call is in a queue and will be Co Durham DL12.

voter-friendly been transformed by such Basics, the PM-in-waiting works. So please let us have must attend more closely to the distinction between what is and what could/should be. Root Cartwright. Chairman.

British Organisation of Non-Parents. BM Box 5866. London WC1N 3XX.

ONY Blair's emphasis that "it is within the family that we learn there is such a thing as society" is greatly to be welcomed. But we must be clear what family values do and do not involve.

Family values are not about Cedars Road. stereotyped roles for male

and female, or about one per son dominating others. They are about a determination to stick together through diffi-culties, and a love which allows each member space to exist and develop. They are not about condemnation of single parents. They are about recognition that single-parent families, even if not the ideal, can be true families, which need recognition and support. True family values recognise that there is often a very narrow line between success and failure. And family values do not involve homophobia. They do involve faithfulness, whether hetero- or homosexual (Rev) Eric Potts. 38 Ashburnham Way, Lowestoft NR33 8SJ.

Ed Horion. 34 Birchfield Close, Oxford OX4 5DL.

WOULD like to point out another cause of broken marriages: dating agencies for married people. If society does not respect the institution of marriage, how can we expect it to continue? The Guardian itself encourages the disintegration of family values by allowing these agencies to advertise in its

Ysabelle Boatfield. (Mrs, but probably not much longer.) Beckenham, Kent BR3.

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JOAN Bakewell (Media, Oc-tober 14) preoccupies her-self with BBC contracts while failing to address one of the key questions behind women's inability to get top jobs in TV: their desperately low ambitions for themselves The one broadcaster with a decent track record. Channe , does not rate a mention.

In production teams I've worked with, as writer or presenter, girls' and women's expectations of themselves follow a depressingly consistent pattern. Until more are not content to stay as secretaries and researchers in their 30s and 40s (virtually unheard of for men), change will be slow.

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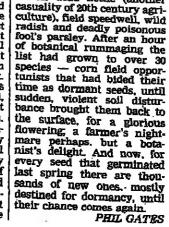
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ONY Blair talks of "sup Stephanie Calman, port" for the family with-(Writer, Dressing for Breakfast.) c/o Channel 4 Television, out once addressing the only support the state is in a posi-tion to provide: economic. As London SW1.

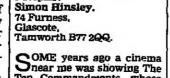
#### **A Country Diary**

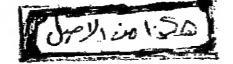
DURHAM: For months I'd autumn afternoon sunlight walked past the mound of soil with little more than a glance in its direction. I passed by on the day that buildozers pushed it into an untidy heap when they cleared the site for when they cleared the site for development. I watched from a distance as it greened in spring and then blazed with poppies in summer. Today botanical curiosity finally got the better of me and I strolled over to take a closer look. The poppies had become a forest of dry, rattling seed heads but most of the mound was still hidden under a luxuriant flora that had sprouted from the underground seed bank. The rich, crumhly topsoil has

provided a perfect seed bed, nurturing some magnificent specimens of arable weeds. Long, sprawling shoots of bugloss - a local rarity largely exterminated by agricultural herbicides, with ranks of sky blue flowers on either side of its bristly stems - tumbled sands of new ones. mostly down the slopes. Russettinged orache plants that have run to seed caught the



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Matthew Norman

Diary

HEN my sniffly friend Michael Howard abolished the right to stlence, few were more thrilled than the Police Federation, whose line on the subject it has so often expressed in the muchloved cliche of the hang-'em right, "the truth shouts to be heard". How curious, then, to note a report in Police Review magazine about the Police Complaints Authority's investigation into the death of Brian Douglas. Mr Douglas, a black man from South London, died in Kennington nick last May from a fracture caused by a single blow to the head, and the PCA in-vestigated. The authority now angrily blames the failure of its enquiry to find much evidence on the refusal of two PCs — Paul Harrison and Mark Toffy. to be interviewed, on their solicitors' advice. At this criticism, the Police Federa-

tion is furious and - in one of the all-time classic masterstrokes of unintentional irony — has written to the PCA to point out ... that the European Convention of Human Rights expressly protects the right to silence. Make it up you couldn't. ISQUIETINGLY, the

career of my friend Dr Julian Lewis is threatened on two fronts. His hope of winning New Forest East could yet be im-perilled if his old libel foe Simon Regan of Scallywag decides to stand against him (the Diary considered standing. you may recall, but was frightened of splitting the vote), while his status as Central Office's top-ranked dial-twiddler - he spends the days scouring the airways for "anti-Tory bias" – is undermined by a TV ap-pearance during the conference in which he denounced the stifling of free debate on Europe. Soon after, his boss Danny Finkelstein was heard expressing doubts about whether such candour is compatible with his job. The silly sausage is confused as to whether a spin doctor's job is to incite controversy within his party or to stifle it. Let's hope he has now worked it ont.

ESTERDAY Singuiry about Kenny Bail and his Jazzmen has been answered. "I have been inundated with calls from colleagues pointing out how remiss I have been in not keeping Kenny's name in the forefront of the national press," writes John Martin, his manager. The boys are playing 200 dates a year, Mr Martin relates, and have 19 CDs on the market, one of which he encloses along with pictures of Kenny with Louis Armstrong, Mike Yarwood, HRH The Queen Mother and "Kenny's own special Royalty", his wife Michelle. To readers too young to have seen them on 1970s chat shows, however, the boys remain a closed book. This is not right, and we hereby demand a speedy return to TV of Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen. Messages of support appreciated. AX Clifford calls to dampen rumours that he is soon to be made a Labour peer (Lord Clifford of Chelsea Strip, perhaps). "It's not going to bappen," says Max, a fervent Labour supporter, "at least, not for a while." This does not mean that Max, who addressed the Mitcham Labour Party on Monday. will be working any less hard for election victory.

"I'll be doing whatever I can," he explains. "I've got

will cause problems for the

Tories up my sleeve, and I'll

be releasing them at regular

intervals between now and May." When might we ex-pect the next? "I'll pick the

right time. If certain people make a prominent speech

about family values, it'll be the next day. It's about max-

imum impact. . .

two or three stories that

Secrecy here is the enemy of justice

prove invulnerable to a

shadow of doubt. Before some audiences, a minister has only

to intone a few words about

Commentary Hugo Young

................... ARLIAMENT Was once regarded as the sacred vessel of democracy and all that went with it freedom, law, account-

ability, the rest. Parliament was where everything began and ended, the supreme assize of the nation, the suptrine assize of the nation, the body nobody could gainsay. But the way Parliament is about to deal with the huge balloon of fetid air that goes by the name of the Hamilton Affair puts that reputation at risk. More dis-turbingly, it reveals how blind MPs have become to the proximity which their holy inheritance has already attained to the edge of the abyss. This is a bad thing to have to

write. There's no need for a recitation of history here. We need not say yet again that Parliament has many times proved its worth to the British way or life and liberty. Such recitals are available at the drop of a text-book, and at one level of consciousness can

depends upon the highest flown view of Parliament. The replacement of Westminster by "Brussels" sounds the loud-est tocsin in the speeches of Britain's Euro-phobes. The premise is that the House of Commons constitutes a peer-less repository of the popular will, a clean and well-lit fount of democracy under threat from the Augean stable of corrupted Eurocrats. A similar assumption lies behind argu-

easy to surrender.

ments against constitutional reform. Time and again, the case against a Bill of Rights or the devolution of power is made on grounds that the supremacy of Parliament is a

the imperishable value of the House of Commons for the rest ess horror than they strike the politicians. At the very of any criticism to fall away. By comparison with continenleast, the looming supremacy of judges over politicians, and tal imitations, lately contrived the already existing fact of EU out of 19th-century revolution law's supremacy in certain areas over British law, ask a or 20th-century tyranny or both, De Montfort's chamber is made to seem like a supe question about real public attitudes to Westminster. These are, to say the least, disen-chanted. Feet of clay come in rior model of continuity in the land that will never, never be enslaved. And none of this is many guises: Parliament's remoteness, its subservience to the executive, its failure to The axiomatic force of it is at work in the most pressing modern debates. At bottom, tame ministers, its idleness over Europe. Such easily obthe argument about Europe served deficiencies already carve a wide gulf between the political and the public view of Parliament. And now on top of em comes the suspicion that the Commons has descended from being the assize of the nation into a self-serving club that makes its own rules, which it then declines to enforce. The Nolan Committee's

way of looking at both these

categories of policy. They are challenges to Parliament

which strike the people with

work has not yet altered that the aborted libel trial and its perception. That's the context in which the Hamilton inquiry takes place. Yet the form agreed for it seems to show a chronic failure to appreciate what's at stake. Its procedure is a strange one, which has no pre-cedent. A quasi-judicial appapre-

with all the authority of a court, and will be given staff and lawyers to help him. There will be evidence and counter-evidence, cross-examination, a verdict or verdicts, a summing-up, and then a But this will not be a court in any usual sense. It's worth remembering what it replaces

As far as Mr Hamilton and Mr lan Greer are concerned, there was to be a full-scale court hearing, which they decided to abort. The salient features of that court would have been es-tablished rules of procedure, adversarial examination of the evidence, and total publicity The salient feature of the Commissioner's inquiry is that it will all be done in secret. The procedure will be invented as it goes along, the evidence is likely to be selective, and even if it's not, there will be no way

of knowing until after the inquiry is finished. Sir Gordon Downey, the Commissioner, is by all ac-counts a good and faithful servani. The process he's now starting, possibly against his better judgment and after pres-sure from the Select Committee he works to, was proposed by Nolan. But Nolan, when deciding what to do about parlia mentary standards, envisaged nothing with the reach or com-plexity that has resulted from

offshoots. GAINST a back-ground of cynical and (let's face it) justified disrespect for the part Parliament any longer plays in British life. I find it barely credible that the Commons

David Windlesham argues that Parliament now has the chance to legislate for handgun sanity and safety - and avoid the bloody slaughter prevalent in the US

## **Target for tomorrow**

Government and **Opposition** parties to the tidal wave of moral outrage gen-erated by the Dunblane shoot-

ings is a rare, but heartening, example of how the latent opinions of the majority can prevail over minority, but highly articulate. interest groups. Of course the targetshootine interests have a right to be heard, and for their arguments to be carefully considered, as they have been. But there are other and deeper issues which affect everyone: the potential victims of gun misuse, their families and friends, and the com-munities in which they live. The argument that the prohibition of handguns will pe-nalise the law-abiding with-





## **COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9**

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sided over by a judge but by the Parliamentary Commis-sioner for Standards. He will apparently have sower to call for witnesses and documents that can only confirm the pub-lic's worst uppressions. The secrecy is what stinks. Secrecy and justice are terms that cannot co-exist. To say the lic's worst impressions. The secrecy is what stinks. Secrecy and justice are terms that cannot co-exist. To say the Commissioner's report and vendict will come back to a sub-committee and then the fuil Select Committee is no answer. By then the case will have been heard, by whatever spatch-cocked rules the secret hearing lays down. To imagine that it will be re-heard, in

whole or part, with an election coming soon, is not just fanciful but bizarre. In fact, it points the way to what should now be happening. For the sake of all parties and none, for justice to individuals and the public interest alike, the only proper procedure in the time avail-able should start with the Select Committee convening a sub-group of its members into a public tribunal.

What Sir Gordon has now been told to begin need not change much. There would still be lawyers, and a trial of the evidence. This would day sitting in the autumn sun-light outside the main probably fail short of what a full-scale court could put on. But everything would be out in the open. If the rules were entrance to Saint Bartholo-mew's Hospital in London. bent, we would see it. If the evidence was neutered, we would know it. If the witnesses lied, we would hear it. If the judges began to behave the glowing light, it looked exactly what it was -- a prime like party politicians, their conduct would be on the re-National Heritage. One couldn't belp reflecting cord for everyone to contem-plate. With a searchlight beaming down, all these transgressions would be less that our heritage is precisely what Virginia Bottomley is likely to occur. As it is, and currently supposed to be prohowever great the integrity Sir Gordon brings to the table, behind closed doors they are a clear and present

danger. Even if they don't happen, they won't have been seen not to happen. The defining folly of Parliament and its occupants is to remain stubbornly, righteously, blind to what this means,

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First Hutton would expound his concept of a "stakeholder society", and then Skidelsky would thump it round the ring. The fun was in the contrast between the two men, for Auton is large, amiable and appealingly diffident, while Skidelsky is short, sharp and extremely pleased with imself

Readers of this page will have an idea of what Hutton means by the word "stake-holding". In broad terms -and the terms are always OR reasons too complex to explain, I spent almost two hours on Monpretty broad - It involves encouraging businesses to act in the long-term interests of their employees, customers and local communities in-Though a curiously higgledy-piggledy building, it is a mag-nificently beautiful edifice. In stead of exclusively serving the short-term interests of shareholders. To this end, Hutton proposes the creation of a "legal architecture", or framework, designed to help piece of what we are nowa-days required to call the the process along. This, he argues, would encourage the teamwork among workers and managers which he regards as crucial to commertecting. For she is Secretary of State for the Heritage Depart-ment, a job in which she com-bines looking after places like cial success in a competitive world. He contrasts this with the kick-up-the-backside ap-proach to man management which is characteristic of free-market theory. Until recently, the Hutton thesis was high on Bart's with running the new ewel in our crown, the the Blairite agenda, but (lor reasons which remain ob-scure) it now seems to have dropped off it again. If Messrs Hutton and Ski-Yet it was Mrs Bottomley, a ber earlier manifestation

as Health Secretary, who reached the almost inconceivable decision that Bart's should be closed. Incredibly, delsky intend to continue their debates into the winter she decreed that its functions - and I hope they do - then Hutton might do well to look up his old economic-history should be transferred to the Royal London. All that will be left of Britain's oldest and most famous bospital is a minor-injuries department. For some time, all this seemed so manifestly wrong textbooks in search of a few enlightening examples of the laissez-faire approach to state intervention. For it is amazthat most people assumed that ing how often Victorian employers were able to find respectable economists willministers would come to their senses and reverse the decision. Yet when Mrs B was replaced by the more cerebral ing to supply proof positive that the mere attempt to pro-Stephen Dorrell, nothing haptect a servant from his master pened. Now the Royal London does more harm than good. is embarking on a vast

Thus trying to stop little boys being shoved up chim-neys, little girls being pushed down coalmines or milland we are still remorselessly heading for the greatest act of cultural vandalism since the workers being worked till they dropped, might have seemed like the Christian destruction of Coventry Cathing to do. But contemporary economic thought held that it thedral. With people like Vir-ginia Bottomley in charge, it is folly to assume that comled straight to commercial mon sense has the remotest chance of prevailing. But they ruin for the employer, and therefore starvation for his employee. There was even a are on the way out. It is time bizarre theory which asserted that any attempt to cut millto start twisting the arms of the shadow cabinet. Bart's workers' hours would wreck the cotion industry because the millowners made their en-NE of the joilier fea-tures of this year's pro-foundly boring confertire profit in the last hour of

each working day. There is a familiar ring ence season was the series of Handguns can be stolen; fringe debates between Will about these blatantly self-serv-they can be used on impulse Hutton of the Observer and ing ideas, for they reappear in

treasure to be preserved at any cost. But there's another should have glided so swiftly towards the kind of inquiry ratus is to be set in place which is not, however,

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out having any effect on the lawless is superficial and un-convincing. Professional criminals, in Britain at least, seldom carry or use firearms. If they calculate in advance the risks and benefits of illegal firearms possession or use, they are aware of the enhanced severity of the sen-tences they can expect if they are caught and convicted. But, as the Dunblane, Hungerford and Tasmanian killings have shown only too vividly, it is the deranged or the disaffected who pose the threat of random shootings with multiole victims. Fortunately the number of people killed with firearms each year in Britain is low by

international standards. Over the five-year period 1999-93, an annual average of 54 inci-The contrast with the United States is stark. In 1993 an annual average of the was dents of homicide was recorded initially in England and Wales in which the appar-ent method of killing was by shooting. The number of sus-

T OK! magazine, puz-zle king Gyles Bran-dreth has a new colleague. Weather girl Tania Bryer makes a hugely impressive debut by fearlessly interviewing Claudia Schiffer. "The only thing I felt slightly uncomfortable discussing with Claudia is her relationship with magi-cian David Copperfield." Tania concludes. "I did dis-creetly notice that she wasn't wearing her multicarat engagement ring. Well, maybe she just wanted to give her finger a rest." Lynn Barber will be shaking in her boots.



nearly 70 per cent of the murders, 42 per cent of the rob-beries known to law enforcement, and a quarter of reported aggravated assaults pects found guilty of murder involving shooting as a per-centage of all suspects found guilty of murder varied be-guilty of murder varied be-dered with guns, and in 13,252 centrage of all suspects found guilty of murder varied be-tween 6 per cent and 16 per cent in the decade 1984-94. The Home Office has recently es-tablished that nearly one in cratic National Convention. Women and children first all". But Jamie Bulger's killers did know the differ-

Beatrix Campbell insists that only by listening to the victims of crime can New Labour develop a truly new morality

ONY BLAIR'S homilies about traditional fam-ily values are wrong, children than full-time about traditional fam-ily values are wrong, wrong, wrong. This ami-able authoritarian's moral homemakers in the 1950s. Who, then, is the problem? The genesis of Blair's new mantra for Labour, a new Holy Trinity of Family, traditionalism lies in what his aide Peter Mandelson Community and Nation, is emptied of the conflicts and describes as a "seminal speech" in 1993. He "found his voice" in that speech, which "defined the man solidarity, power and pow-erlessness, that makes the world go round. He told his Blackpool auand imprinted his charac-

dience that when he was growing up "families were strong". But that strength ing, if eccentric, manifesto, The Blair Baraletion ter on the public mind". says Mandelson's reveal-The Blair Revolution. was often founded on se-This speech was Blair's crets: on children's silence

and women's suffering, on absent fathers and lonely mothers. That was when fathers spent an average of little children. As my mother says, "women have always been single result is simply moral result is sindicated by fract and re always been single result is simply moral ren during a decade in "teenage tearaways, van-parents". These days fuil- chaos which engulfs us which we have discovered dals, drug-dealers...", do morality for New Labour.

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three firearms used in domes- | Sarah Brady, the Republican | gun, meant that the legisla-tic homicides between 1992 | chairman of Handgun Control | tion was fought tooth and nail tic homicides between 1992 chairman of Handgun Control and 94 was legal. Inc. estimated that each year in Congress over a period of seven years before finally benearly 40,000 Americans were killed with a firearm, includ-

ing suicides and fatal accidents. Over 100,000 more were wounded. Every two hours a child was killed somewhere with a gun. Despite such shameful fig-ures, the hostility towards the

mildest forms of regulation, instanced by the Brady Bill imposing a five-day waiting period to enable background checks to be made on the intended purchaser of a hand-

that took them on their

apprentices. Blair insists that New

coming law in 1993. In the following year, a non-

retrospective ban on the manretrospective dan on the man-ufacture, as well as the posses-sion or transfer, of military-style assault weapons brought the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act

to the brink of the abyss into which so many previous at-tempts to curtail the alleged

the least-desirable aspects of American sentencing policies, Parliament now has an opportunity to legislate for a saner and a safer society by hanning all private ownership of hand guns. The opportunity may not occur again, or not until the next disaster.

Lord Windlesham is Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford, and a former chairman of the Parole right to keep and bear arms Board. Volume III of his work had fallen. As recently as Responses To Crime is March of this year the Repub- | published today (OUP, £40)

just how dangerous child-hood can be. the words boy, man or mas culinity appear. What is culinity appear. What is Blair afraid of? Men's loss of legitimacy? Fathers' loss of authority? Masculinity is hood can be. This "seminal" speech launched his crime and community discourse. But this, too, has erased the eviunder scrutiny as never belence of who keeps commufore. Except in New Labour. And these days, though adults might not like what they say, children speak, sometimes they shout and acream. What has New Labour to say to the desperence between right and nities together and who wrong. Blair should have saps their will to live. A wondered: what was it in correlation between family these children's experience crisis and crime just isn't there. Indeed, research commissioned by Tyneside police shows that, if any-thing, it is the traditional, long journey to murder? Why wasn't Blair interested? Mandelson was right: this ate — not demonic — child-ren who make 10,000 calls to ChildLine every week? was a defining moment in British politics, when the Bean Blair offered a new culprit and adults conjured Blair cheekily translates New Labour's proposed

child curfews as child pro-tection. But no one with power or influence has OME Office research published last year is unequivocal: the cora new enemy — children. Grown-ups are the dan-gerous generation, how-ever, but New Labour has and social class and crime been given a child-protec-tion portfolio in his shadow cabinet. That tells us what averted our attention from | are "weak", but the causal he is interested in: child control

men - in all-too-traditional men and crime and their There is an alternative. families and directed our peer culture is "strong". gaze at their victims and Since 88 per cent of offend-He could do something unprecedented for a Labour leader: create an alliance with traditionalism's chalers in court are young men. you can't talk about crime without the cultural hiserations, a new, not an old.

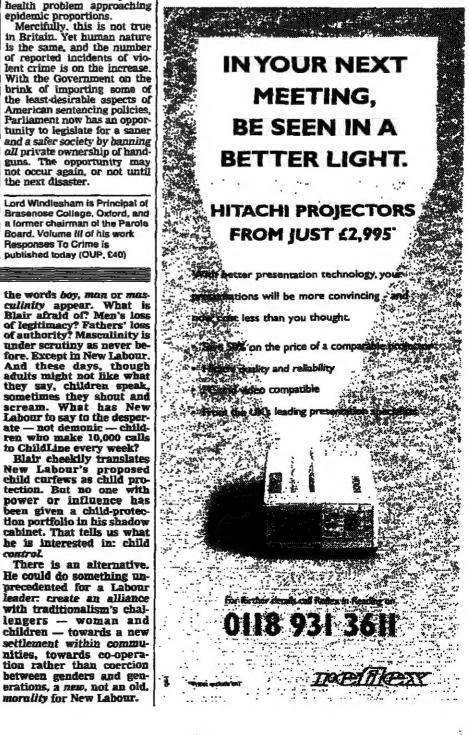
to settle domestic quarrels; the rightwing economic histothey can be the cause of acci-dents in the home, frequently rian Lord Skidelsky. These two intellectual prizefighters trundled round the seaside resorts like a pair of old-fashinvolving children; and they facilitate suicide. In America with no more than minimal ioned bruisers taking a boxregulations, all of these facing booth round the tors are commonplace and fairgrounds. Organised by the Social Market Foundation, their enwell documented. The medical profession has come to regard the frequency of accidental counters provided both enter-

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the arguments used by minis ters against, say, the mini-mum wage or the Maastricht social chapter. It is probably only a matter of time before Lord Skidelsky or some other willing academic revives the 'last-hour' theory to rubbish the Commission's proposed 48-hour ceiling on the work-ing week. So keep at it, Will. tainment and enlightenment. There's plenty still to do.



## **10 OBITUARIES**

Sybil Rosenfeld

## Theatre history, centre stage

theatre was something that one studied by readthanks to Sybil Rosenfeld, who has died aged 93, that the emphasis has turned to studying the organisation of theatres, the design of stages and the lives of actors.

Rosenfeld was born to a liberal family and obtained a degree at King's College, London, at the age of 19. Free from the necessity of earning a living by teaching or other employment, she devoted her life to theatre studies. These first found expression in 1928, when she was 25, in an edi tion of The Letter-Book of Sir George Etherege, the Restora-tion comic dramatist; and she followed this by an important work that indicated the line she would follow for the rest of her life.

This book was Strolling Players and Drama in the Provinces, 1660-1765 (1939) and

**Iorwerth Edwards** 

THE EARLY decades I in it she analysed provincial of this century, the theatres and the circuits in which their players per-formed, in Norwich, York, Bath, Bristol and a couple of theatres on the edge of London at Greenwich and Rich-mond. She brought to this work a curiosity about the world and society that previ-ously had hardly been seriously examined, allied to the most rigorous scholarly standards.

This was followed, after the war, by the pamphlet Foreign Theatrical Companies in Great Britain in the 17th and 18th Centuries (1955), which established the many contacts is almost the only surviving 18th-century theatre in the between mainly French and Italian companies and the London stage — contacts that

today have almost disnal shape and purpose. Accompanying these stud-ies, she undertook a general appeared. In 1960 she brought out a book on The Theatres of the London Fairs in the Eighsurvey of Scene Design in Great Britain (1972), demon-strating her ability to simteenth Century, which ex-plored a form of theatre that

plored a form of theatre that plify a confusing and much had been entirely ignored on neglected subject, and then a

detailed work on Georgian Scene Painters and Scene a scholarly level hitherto but which was closely linked to the interests of its popular Painting (1982), in which she produced yet another defini-tive study in a specialised area of theatre history. In 1945 she had joined Richaudiences. Bighteen years later, she turned to an oppo-site social scene in *Temples of Thespis: Some Pripate* 

Theatres and Theatricals in ard Southern, who shared her England and Wales, 1700-1820, fascination for reconstructing the theatre of the past, and joint-editor of Theatre Note In which she studied the enthusiasm for amateur acting book. Published by the among the English aristoc-racy in that period. Her last theatre bookseller Ifan Kyrle book, at the age of 81, was a Fletcher, it was the first jour history of The Georgian nal entirely devoted to this subject in the English lan-guage. She remained joint-editor for 40 years. At the Theatre of Richmond, York-shire (1984), in which she chronicled the story of what same time, she became the first honorary secretary of country, which — thanks partly to her studies — has now been restored to its origithe Society for Theatre Research on its foundation in 1948 and continued to guide the society, later as vice-pres-ident, until her death.

Sybil's reputation led to her taking a prominent role in the national and international scene. She was a member of the committee that helped bring about the foundation of



Sybil Rosenfeld... she brought to her work curiosity, and rigorous scholarly standards

the Theatre Museum in Lon-1 and at theatres. In the life of don (to which she donated her library) and served on the committees of the International Federation for Theatre Research and its journal, Theatre Research International.

Sybil was scrupulous in at-tending committee meetings of the societies on which she served up to her death. She remained lively and alert into her nineties, and was often to be encountered at exhibitions

the Jewish community in Bayswater, she was a honor-ary manager of the Jewish Free School and of the Solomon Wolfson School for 25 years and during the war she directed a club for Jewish girls.

George Speaight

Sybil Marion Rosenfeld, theatre historian, born January 20, 1903; died October 2, 199

otherwise a debacle, only the Royal Navy fulfilled its po-tential, inflicting much damage on the German fleet, covering the evacuation and rescuing the Norwegian royal family, government

Max Manus

and gold reserves. Norway might have been invented for resistance with its great empty spaces, rug-ged terrain and tempting targets. Many young Norwe-gians, eventually including Manus, escaped to Britain to join the Free Norwegian forces and irregular British military, naval or intelligence units. Manus, born in Bergen.

went to sea as a teenager and in the 1930s slump, moved to Chile, where he worked as a factory foreman. After adventures, including gun-running, he returned to Norway as war loomed. He was just in time to volunteer to help the Finns in their brilliantlyfought but ultimately hopeless resistance to Soviet invasion

Manus and the Norwegian forces briefly fought the German invasion in April 1940 before being overwhelmed. After the surrender, he helped to organise resistance in Oslo, running an illicit newspaper until caught by

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Birthdays

themselves on a small island

Harry Carpenter, boxing

in the Oslo fjord. They

NE OF Europe's sneaked into Oslo harbour by most celebrated cance and attached limnets to two freighters, a mineheroes of the resispation during the second sweeper and a tanker. The freighters broke up and sank; the mines on the other two world war, the Norwegian Max Manus has died aged 82. vessels failed to explode, but the two men got away.

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In 1940, the Allies and the On evacuating the island base, Manus left a note on a Germans both independently decided to seize Norway if the other seemed about to. tree with a German quotation on how the Wehrmacht That spring, both acted more would always defeat British or less simultaneously. The Germans, who grabbed Denoperations in Europe. He signed it "Adolf Hitler - Cormark on the way, mobilised poral". The attacks on Germost of their navy and sent man shipping continued with great success until spring in a strong force of infantry and paratroops. The British, still led by Chamberlain, and 1944. Manus also worked the French also made land-ings, but in a chaotic and irwith resistance groups in and around the Norwegian capital, including the famous resolute manner (the RAF "Oslo Gang", blowing up rail-way and other installations, was told not to bomb Norwe-gian airfields in case civilnaval and Luftwaffe facilities ians were hurt, which was (and 100 aircraft).

most helpful to the Luftwaffe). In what was One of Manus's greatest coups, with Roy Nielsen, was to blow up the Donau, a major troop and supply transport, and another merchantman in Oslo harbour, under the noses of hundreds of German soldiers. The two saboteurs put workmen's overalls on top of their frogmen's sults to gain access to the harbour, then wormed their way under a jetty, in flated a dinghy and attached mines to the two hulls. They got away by returning the way they had come, pretending once again to be workers and passing among the enemy troops. The two ships sank hours later.

Manus rode in triumph with King Haskon through the streets of Oslo in an open car after the liberation of Norway. He received his country's highest decora-tions as well as the British DSO and MC and other awards. In his retirement after a long business career. Max Manus wrote three

books, including his autobi-ography, published last year. He left instructions that the words "Max, your name is luck" be inscribed on his headstone. He leaves a widow, Tikken.

Dan Van der Vat

the Gestapo in January 1941. Injured while resisting ar-Max Manus, resistance fighter. born February 9, 1914; died September 20, 1996 rest. Manus feiged impending death and used muggled fishing line to hook

The man who brought us Tutankhamun During the war he was | Egyptian collection. In 1955, HE BRITISH Muse-

um's enormously suc-cessful 1972 Tutankhamun exhibition inspired many with a lifelong interest in ancient Egypt. It raised about £1 million to save the beautiful temples of Philae, and helped to restore Anglo-Egyptian cultural harmony, badly dented by the Suez invasion.

The exhibition was concelved and organised by lor-werth Edwards, who has died aged 87. It was principally Edwards's determination and diplomacy, and the trust which he inspired in the Egyptian authorities, that obtained the exhibition for Britain in face of strong foreign competition. - and it was Edwards who

wrote the catalogue. Edwards is an Egyptok posted to the Cairo embassy which gave him the opportuhe was appointed keeper in a separate Egyptian Antiquities nity to visit the Pyramiddepartment, which steadily fields of the Memphite Ne-cropolis, thus laying the grew in reputation, personnel and output under his guidance. Edwards wrote his most foundation for his best-known book, The Pyramids of Egypt. First published in 1947, learned work, Oracular Amuletic Decrees of the Late New revised three times and translated into many languages, it remains the most concise and

Kingdom, an edition of some fascinating documents grant ing magical protection, espe cially to children. For his services to the Tu-tankhamun exhibition Edwards was appointed CMG in 1973. He was already a fellow of the British Academy and had been appointed CBE in 1962

He retired from the BM in 1974. Between 1946-51, he had occasionally taught Egyptol-ogy at University College London, and

ary treasurer (1949-51) of the

Egypt Exploration Society,



gist whose lifelong connection with the museum began with his father, a Persian scholar in the department of oriental printed books and manuscripts. The young Edwards went to Merchant Taylors' School - where he studied classics and Hebrew - and Gonville and Catus College, Cambridge, where he read Arabic and Persian. In 1934, he became assistant keeper in the BM's department of Egyptian and Syrian antiquities and immersed himself in Egyptology. By 1939, he had produced a handbook with A W Shorter of After the war, as the muse and enthusiasm endeared um's sole Egyptologist, he and enthusiasm endeared helped recollate the dispersed him to people of whatever nabook with AW Shorter on

**David Bevan** 



Iorwerth Edwards ... his drive set up the exhibition

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monuments and illustrates Edwards's academic precision and concern for the interested public, an ideal combination for a museum

and later its vice-president (1962-88), contributing by his cautious stewardship to the expansion of British fieldwork in Egypt. Liked and trusted worldwide, he served on many international advisory commit-tees, and wrote influential reports, particularly on

Edwards was traditionalist

with a sense of honour, of duty and of public service. The warmth of his friendship, his kindness, the twinkling humour of his eyes, his inimi-table fund of oft-told stories,

their daughter, Lucy. Their hospitality to foreign colleagues in their beautiful houses at Morden and later at

tionality, class or age.

He was devotedly supported by his wife, Elizabeth, who

survives him together with

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Egyptian treasure . . . Tutankhamun's death mask, from the exhibition that raised £1 million

He was devoted to the

causes of Thatcherism. He

campaigned for the restora-tion of capital punishment for

premeditated murder, terror-ist killings and the murder of

police officers. He was against

further immigration and op-

posed the relaxation of Sun-

day shopping laws. Having attended Wood-

rough's School, Moseley, and King Edward VI School Bir-

mingham, he briefly became a

schoolteacher before being commissioned into the Royal

Warwickshire Regiment in

1947. He trained as a surveyor,

set up as an estate agent and

later became involved in tour-ism. He had grand ideas which be was often unable to

fulfil, but he did manage to

At Westminster he always

have a great deal of fun.

Deddington. Oxfordshire | el of the scholar and the were famous. Though their lives were saddened by the gentleman campaign.

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Jorwerth Eiddon Stephen Edtention to public duties. Eidwards, Egyptologist, born July 21, don Edwards was a true mod-1909; died September 24, 1995

appeared somewhat dour, no

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but his reputation in the Mid-

lands was as something of an

eccentric. His council friends

regarded him as highly con-vivial during his days there

and he was respected, too, as a

man who was prepared to be a team-player when it mattered

for Birmingham. He ran an

antique shop at one stage, and

loved yachting. He painted

water colours and collected

teddy bears. He married twice

and is survived by his second wife, Cynthia, the two chil-

dren of his first marriage and

his two step-daughters.

David Gilroy Bevan, politici

born April 10, 1928; died Octobe

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Julia Langdon

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BEARD, (Brough) Julie Ann, died 11 Or ber 1986. Our Beautiful, bilented, iou and vitrent Julie. Miseed enormously this your birthday. chant ship and reached Britain after seven months at sea He joined the Norwegian

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Equipped with limpet mines, small arms, food and poison pills in case of cap-

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bureaucratic nightmare that hooked on the new age dream I cannot summon up the of selling hemp seed globally as a nutritionally balanced At times one has to to be essential superfood (as you do!) and set about marketing the 'erb from his base in North Wales. The result of his passion is the bar snack now available from health food shops, as well as a working relationship with the government which aims to increase the cultivation of hemp in this country and the subsi-dies to farmers. It's one dream that hasn't gone up in smoke — demand for the seed is now outstripping supply and the latest info from America shows that the product boosts the immune system, so it's not just for high days and holidays. Jackdaw wonders if the sales are due to people testing its growth potential. ID.

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**Emily Sheffield** 

A long love affair with Birmingham bevan was a man of enthusi-asms. He always had a project of some kind under way and was usually planning as Congregational minister and a Liberal, but his mother was a Conservative supporter. He political mood in Britain in 1979 that when he won his Bir-mingham, Yardley seat for the promote it. While this some joined the Young Conservatives when he was 19 and was first elected to the city council Conservative Party, it ranked times led him into difficulties, two years after that. He loved Birmingham with as the second most working-class constituency in Britain. his vigour won him admira-tion from his political colpassion and in Parliament he continued to put the interleagues. He cheered people up He entered the House of Commons after 20 years in local government in his home city in Birmingham City Council, ests of his constituency and on the West Midlands County Council and then in the constituents above everything else. He was particularly conand it was certainly partly be cerned about industry in the Midlands and fought valiantly cause of the efforts he had Bevan came from a Weish made on behalf of Birmingto protect the jobs of British ham that he took the seat from background but was born in Birmingham. His father was a Bevan ... yachting fan Labour and held it until 1992. Leyland workers. lunch. "I'd describe the taste is not for the faint-hearted. "It | in outsize babywear. Yet so Jackdaw looks like something you as gamey," Greg's wife, Jane, says nonchantly. "I think the many people are now responding to the the call of playpens and Fisher price would refuse if the butches handed it to you," says Claire, another enthusiast. Merely st mistake Greg made biggest mistake Greg made first time round was putting i into the freezer whole. He got through three hacksaw blade hearing about it can be enough for some people. "Our unwanted guest of several trying to cut off a bit each day.

#### **Seconds please**

"THE FIRST time, I fried it in olive oil with a bit of season-ing and disguised it with a few vegetables. The second time, it looked a lot more like a piece of liver and so I just flash fried it for a couple of minutes and heaped on the mustard." Greg a stock broker, is describing a takeaway meal with a difference his wife's placenta, No longer just hippie health fad, placenta cookery has a new following Polenta people are getting into placenta, nature's very own raspberry coulis. Forget ladies who lunch; there Forget ladies who lunch; there are an increasing number of ladies who put people off their

The last thing he felt like when he got back home was cutting it into portions." This mistake was not repeated when Greg's second daughter was born recently. Once again, freezer bag at the drunk. eady, he took the placenta home — "it was half the size of a rugby ball" — but this time he immediately cut it up into individual oven-ready por-tions which he froze and then served up to his wife over

eight days with pasta or salad on the side. The growth in popularity of this pseudo-canna-bilistic practice is due to the increasingly widespread be-lief that it can ward off postnatal depression. Given that baby blues are not contagious, most men have a readymade excuse not to treat it as a dinner-for-two experience, al-

weeks instantly amounced, 'I really must be going,' "adds Claire. "The line 'let's see what's in the freezer. Oh dear, we're down to placenta or fish fingers' will get rid of the most insensitive or the totally Anthony Worrell Thompon's Crostini of Placenta with Vin Santo: Cook with olive oll, onion, Vin Santo. capers and anchovies. Blend in a food processor and spread on toasted crostini. The per-

fect canapé for a christening party. Kate Berridge on the joys of after-birth in Esquire.

#### **Big bables**

IT HAS long been public knowledge that postmen, acknowledge that position, ac-countants and civil servants like nothing better at the end of the day than to get out of their working gear and dress

toys that the crafty Germans have turned it into an industry. "Soon everyone will be wearing nappies." reckons German erotic shop owner Inga Dany, who also offers tailor-made mummy's boy holidays for those who like to regress. The infantilist movement began life in Can-ada and is so popular in Australia that they even have their own magazines (the Playpen and the Wet Set). Germany's 10,000 adult babies makes it the infantilist apital of Europe. To satisfy their requirements, Frau Dany sells everything from disposable Swedish made 38 inch-waist nappies (£10) to bibs, bonnets, oversized dum-nues, romper suits and rattles. "Nothing is as relaxing as being a baby," says lorry driver Werner Gotsch, who has been a big baby for 20 years. Now he gets through three nappies a day and has 500 in his wardrobe. "I still get funny looks from the neighbours when I hang them | while architects haggle with

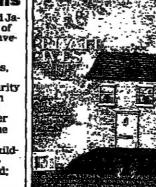
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out on the washing line," he says. "It is an indescribably pleasurable sensation lying in a helplessly smelly state," agrees Jurgen, a campsite superintendent. "It is bliss to be surrounded by a bulbous bag of warm water. You can't beat the feeling of someone gently urging your knees apart and lifting up your hips to fasten you into a nappy." Baby boomers reported in FRM Home problems

DESPITE the Jaguars and Ja-cuzzis, it seems that most of Russia lacks the basic conve niences that we take for granted in a developed country. Grandiose homes, with whirlpool baths and computer-controlled security systems, are being built in areas where there is little running water, poor power supplies, limited telephone lines and no sewage. It is often too late to change building plans once these prob-lems have been discovered; countless half-built mansions litter the countryside

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case in point. The original builders connected them selves to an underground gas pipe which belongs to the KGB. They bribed the local electricity authorities in order to get power. As the house is not officially con-I have not paid a gas or elec-tricity bill for over a year. I am not comfortable with this, but to legalise the situation

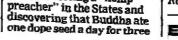


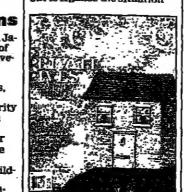
more resourceful than merely siphoning gas off the KGB. Last month, after our septic tank had overflowed into the bath. I spent weeks trying to convince the local septic tank disposal man to empty our tank. Wads of dollar bills could not persuade him; he was overworked and overpaid, and my worked and overpaid, and my flimsy offerings could not possibly compete with those of the gold medallion down the road. Finally, the most shameless survival tactic in Russis was called more a Russia was called upon: a short skirt, red lipstick and a tearful tantrum in his yard. It worked; the tank was emp-tied that afternoon. From Russia with love, Samantha de Bendern writes

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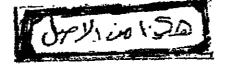






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## Wickes faces official inquiry

### Patrick Donovan City Editor

XPECTATIONS that the Department of the Department of Trade and Industry and the Serious Fraud Office will start a formal inquiry into the troubled DIY concern Wickes grew

yesterday. It emerged that both bodies have been in contact with the company which yesterday ad-mitted that it has unearthed ted to the auditors. that the company has dropped all charges against the former potentially criminal attempts to mislead its own auditors.

Suggestions that investigating authorities may have foundation to begin an in-quiry emerged as Wickes ledge of any wrongdoing. It is taking no action against made public a sanitised version of its exhaustive inquiry auditors Arthur Andersen into how the business "overwho are to resign the account. But it reserves its right to pro-ceed with legal action if new stated" its profits by more than 150 million. The DTI last night said that

evidence emerges. Compiled by Linklaters & it could "neither confirm nor deny" that it was conducting a formal inquiry. The SFO said it was not "currently inthe report — a letter to shareholders - concluded that ultivestigating the company". But a spokeswoman refused mate responsibility for the events which led to the au-pension of shares in Wickes to comment further.

earlier this summer must fall on Mr Sweetbaum. He is to pay back £1.2 mil-lion in bonus money and relinquish claims to a further Compiled at a cost of more than £4 million, the indepen-dently researched report discovered evidence of "serious mismanagement" and dis-closed that two former direc-£885,000 but will retain £2.9 tors have agreed to repay more than \$2 million worth of million of pension benefits. Mr Liewellyn is to pay back bonuses paid out on the back of false financial information. Full publication of the just over 2800,000 while Michael Corner, group ad-ministration director, has quit - with no action pend-ing against him. The two direport is being witheld be-cause interviews were con-ducted under terms of legal

privilege. Copies of the docu-ment have not been sent to either the police or government authorities.

ing against him. The two di-rectors in charge of the buy-ing department have already been fired. Disciplinary pro-ceedings are still continuing against middle ranking exec-utives and more junior The company, which sarlier this summer suspended its shares after financial ir-Michael von Brentano disregularities were discovered. closed that the group made an confirmed that profits have been inflated because of "de operating loss in the first shares down 22p to 514p. liberate misrepresentation" nine months of the year. Mr The fall overshadow

How to make a million . . .



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Patrick Den City Editor

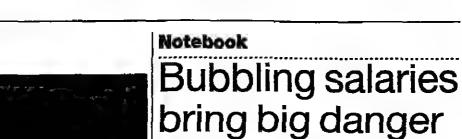
HE two grown-up chil-dren of self-made sofa magnate, Sir Graham Kirkham, look set to pick up more than £100 million by selling their shares in DFS — the soft farnishings empire built up by their father after he left school without any qualifications

But the report disclosed Michael and Julie Kirk-ham decided to sell their 23 per cent holding in the com-pany because they are now "married with their own children" and want to di-versify their investments, chairman and chief executive Henry Sweetbaum and finance director, Trefor Llewel-lyn, both of whom deny know-

ity worker who got married in Dublin lest month. His daughter Julie, aged 30, has left her job at Yorkshire Paines and Price Waterbouse,

son of a Yorkshire miner. Sir Graham, who was knighted in the New Year

burgh's award.



Edited by

Alex Brummer

company by Rentokil. In East London Mary Walz,



They could break the cycle of spiralling investment bank-ing fees and commissions and lower their price to customers; they could even do more pro bono work for entepreneurs operating in disadvantaged economies — such as those of Eastern Europe and Africa. Instead, the value system in

investment banking becomes more distorted with each upswing in the financial cycle. Salaries, bonuses and fees are bid upwards and the pressure N THE High Court, a judge increases on all those in-volved to perform and keep income rolling in even in earning £98,957 a year awarded the former chief executive of BET, John Clark, £3 million for loss of office, following the takeover of his hard times.

It is circumstances like these, unstable reward structures, which create Nick Leeson-style problems and cause problems with fund managers like Peter Young of DMG. a woman associated with the Barings crash, the biggest in British financial history, is This is a suitable case for regasking the chairman of an in-dustry tribunal to force her ulatory treatment.

#### former employers to pony up the £500,000 bonus promised DMG stampede

just before the Leeson balloon went up. At investment bank Goldman Sachs some 125 staff worldwide, including several in London, are expected to move into the 21 million sal-ary bracket after stepping up to become managing directors — a stage below the partner-ship level. No doubt each of these

cases of super-rewards can be argued on its merits. Mr Clark, at 55 years old, had a rough deal being turned out of BET just as he was beginning to turn the services group around. But the idea that as a chief executive he is too old to be re-employed is laughable; he is broadly the same age as George Simpson, who is just beginning to make his first waves in the most significant job in British

manufacturing, at GEC. Good chief executives, like high quality football manag-ers, are — we so often are told - like gold dust. In that case Mr Clark, with £3 million on deposit, can quickly expect to see himself back at the top, despite the underpaid judge's sympathy for his case.

trol which led to Nick Leeson

At Barings it is almost irrelevant as to whether Ms those implicated in what ap-Walz was in the line of con-

ERTAINLY DMG, with Imro looking over its shoulder, deserves some praise for avoiding the "lone nut" syndrome, which characterised the Barings failure. In removing from office five senior executives, including the head of fund management, Keith Parcy, and Michael Wheatley, head of compliance, it is in essence acknowledging a serious management and control failure, which in the case of an independent merchant bank could have been catastrophic.

European trusts but for the whole concern. The DMG move is as much one of self-preservation as anything else. Without the changes it would have been that much more difficult to reverse the redemption rtampede

not just for savers in the DMG

#### Wickes wattle

T WILL damage the future of Wickes and the reputa-tion of the SFO if no attempts are made to prosecute pears to have been a systemic fraud inside the firm's buying or not. Whichever way you department.

ble upbringing of 51-year-old Sir Graham, born the

Honours list, faced wide-spread criticism when it emerged that he had made substantial loans to the Conservative Party. From his thin gold Patek Philippe watch, to his col-lection of Old Masters, he is

now seen as a mainstay of the establishment. Worth an estimated £250 million, he lives in Cantley Hall, Doncaster, gives generously to charity and moves in Royal circles as a supporter of the Dake of Edin-

News that the 22 per cent share stake is to be placed on the market sent DFS

Case 2



rights issue and relist its shares early in the new year. It said that this financial readjustment will wipe off £53 million from shareholders' funds. It is also making a fur-

ther £10 million provision because of its exposure to prop-erty leases. The company's true financial position was covered up by "false or mis-leading documents" submit-

at 14.

Sir Graham said yesterday. The deal represents a glittering wedding present for Michael, a 29-year-old char-

Television to look after her two babies full-time. His children's lifestyle b in huge contrast to the hum-

Sharing ... Miner's son Sir Graham Kirkham is worth about 2250m PHOTOGRAPH: DAVD SILITOR



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of rebate deals with its string of 160 suppliers. Wickes is now likely to refi-profits over the next year.

The letter from chairman

The fall overshadowed that it is giving a 10p-a-profits are up 18.5 per cent to 231.1 million for the year to Jnly 27. The company's The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to conclusion to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running. The dividend is Exchange in 1993, said to Jnly 27. The company's running the providence to the provi

Rentokil to appeal as sacked BET

## **French back Thomson sale** to **BAe** partner

Lagardere's defence | fore the shape of the new relationship would be worked disposal coup will benefit British firm,

#### report Mark Milner and Simon Beavis

HE French government yesterday underlined its determination to push through a shake-up of its de-fence industry by backing the sale of state-owned Thomson to Lagardère, British Aero-space's partner in missile manufacturing. The disposal of the defence

and consumer electronics group is a key part of French plans to rationalise the country's defence manufacturing base and yesterday's decision is likely to lead to increased BAe involvement in the Yesterday's government an-nouncement made it clear The current French restruc-that it are in the interval of the second margers.

that it preferred to sell Thom-son to Lagardère rather than rival bidder Alcatel Alsthom moves. rival bidder Alcatel Alsthom because it flitted its broad de-fence industry strategy. The decision on which bid ultimately triumphs rests with France's independent

ultimately triumphs rests with France's independent with France's interpairston, privatisation commission, but yesterday's public sup-port from the government will be seen as significantly tilting the odds in Lagardère's favour.

If it does get Thomson, La-gardère has said it will put the latter's missile business into the existing joint venture between BAe and its own missiles subsidiary, Matra. That British company would have stantial media interests, in-to put money into the venture cluding Eile magazine, has al-in order to maintain its 50 per ready said that it will sell of five executives tarnished

nouncement but suggested promised job creating investthat it would be some time be- ment in France.

**Lisa Buckingham** 

OHN Clark, the former chief executive of busi-ness services group, BET, who was sacked after the France's prime minister Alain Juppé underlined the importance of industrial strategy as the crucial deter-minant in its decision to back company was taken over by Rentokil, was yesterday Lagarère, rather than Alcatel Alsthom. "We have opted for awarded £3 million in com-pensation by the High Court. the offer which was the best to further our defence inter-But Rentokil, the company

best known for its pesticides, immediately said it would apest and which would consti-tute a world-leading induspeal against what it regarded as "just such an enormous trial group with strong export capacities," he said. "The Thomson Matra group

as just such an entruity sum of money." The award — more than three times the pre-trial settlement Mr Clark had been offered but \$3 million less which will be formed, if the privatisation commission gives its permission, will be the second biggest group in the world in professional electhan the total be eventually claimed — is one of the high-est pay offs in British industronics," he said. Europe's fragmented de-fence industry has come under increasing pressure to

try. But a survey from pensions consultancy, Pirc, estimates that UK companies have paid restructure to be able to com-pets with the massive Ameriout nearly £70 million in com-pensation to directors in the past three years. Mr Clark, who is 55 and had turing is seen as a crucial pre-cursor of wider European claimed during the hearing that his chances of landing a

similar job at his age were remote, said he was "very

champion which will be able to offer complete systems." The deal -- costing a symbolic one franc - will also have to clear the European Commission's competition

authorities because the Paul Murphy French government plans to inject some Fr11 billion (£1.34 billion) into Thomson to cut its Fr25 billion debt mountain.

Lagardère which has sub-

Future of Morgan's top woman in doubt after dismissals women in the City, lost the | which has helped Morgan's | head of Morgan's developinternal battle over asset money management business ment capital business, Robert

HERE was speculation yesterday over the future of Morgan Grenfell's most senior fund manager Nicola bank confirmed the sacking her previous employer, Mer-

management boss Keith Per- grow over recent years.

She was unavailable for cy's future when he was sacked yesterday. Ms Horlick, responsible for hiring Mr Young and two other fund managers from her previous employer, Mer-her previous employer, Mer-her brevious employer, Mer-her in order to maintain its 50 per cent moment in: Last night BAe welcomed in the French government an-nouncement but surgested to creating invest.

management business and ment funds, is credited with tions are strained." Paul Ebling, one of the most powerful setting the investment tone As expected, the current ance officer.

how the fund is run. Smith, was confirmed yesterday as the new chief execu-

the door are Glyn Owen, chief TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS of Morgan's unit trust busiing she is committed to the ness, head of compliance group. But to be frank, rela-tions are strained." Paul Ebling, another compli-

chief awarded £3m compensation lenge" as chief executive of a major organisation. Janet Gaymer, head of employment law at Simmons & American-born Mr Clark, so and evidence would be a "very useful" benchmark in future cases. It is estimated that on top of the namerican born Sachs could look at other possibilities, rather than fuelling

the destabilising pay race in finance. salary over a three-year notice period to which he was They might consider the Barings, Daiwa, Sumitomo and Deutsche Morgan Grencontractually entitled. It also included damages for loss of pension rights, bonus payfell experience and whether it might not be more prudent ments of 50 per cent of salary, a car and chauffeur, health in-

The court rejected claims that Mr Clark had not taken steps to mitigate his financial loss by seeking alternative

employment.

not be paid. Had ING not stepped in and Barings been formally liquidated, there is The most alarming finding no way with £800 million of losses that she or anyone else would have received a panny. £50 million "black hole" in its Which brings us back to Goldman Sachs. As a partnership, it has a particular prob-lem in disgorging its gains. There are no shareholders to please through higher divi-dends or share bonuses, just the core of staff which keep the huge fees rolling in. But the partners at Goldman

accounts is that false informa-tion was submitted to its

auditors. This is a criminal offence which has resulted in virtually wiping out shareholders' funds and jeopardising a business which employs 5,000 people. Having spent more than £4 million on lawyers to investigate the affair, Wickes has a duty to ensure that matter is passed on to the appro-priate authorities.

The report raises significant questions about endemic fraud in the international building supply industry. The ments of 50 per cent of salary, a car and chauffeur, health in-surance and the value of "holiday entitlement." In the provident — ing book and the volatility of markets — to build bigger in whitewashing the reserves.

### **Oldest merchant** bank in US scrutiny

#### Paul Murphy

any irregularities within the bank itself and insisted that the scandal would have no ef-QUESTION mark hangs over the gi billion sale of the fect on the Fortis takeover. world's oldest merchant bank, MeesPierson, to Belgian financial services conglomerate Fortis, after the discovery of accounting irreg-ularities in a venture capital business linked to MeesPierson's office in New York.

business operated. The bank is understood to have encountered similar problems in the same business three years \$25 million (£16 million). Insiders at the bank say the

vised by Han Dalmijn.

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## THE league of Britain's £1 million earners was yesterday swelled by 30 Lon-don employees of the bank-ing group, Goldman Sachs, writes Lisa Buckingham.

the payment to Mr Clark,

ating new "partner manag-ers" in the high-flying Wall Street bank yesterday saw 125 lucky workers around the world elevated to the

those are based in London trial tribunal case after the and 11 are British. Al- chairman yesterday pleased" with the outcome. though not all will immedi-He was now keen to pursue ately soar to the ranks of end of the third day of hear-the search for a "new chal-the £1 million-a-year club ings, writes Celia Weston. very substantial sums."

million-pound-a-year earners most can expect such riches in a short time. Case 3 In addition to stratospheric salaries, Goldman's newly elevated partners

Goldman adds 30 to Britain's

Rentokil will have to pay sev-real hundred thousand Rentokil won a closely fought pounds in legal costs. The £3.2 billion takeover battle.

The annual round of cre-

top echelons. It is understood that 30 of the outcome of her indus-

will learn early next month the scale of the top-up they can expect from annual • Mary Walz, the former executive of the collapsed

Mr Clark, who joined BET

Barings merchant bank who is claiming an unpaid 5500,000 bonus for 1994 from new owners ING Bar-ings, will have to wait two to three weeks to discover

chairman yesterday mitigation clauses because reserved judgment at the legal rights can, in certain

Institutional shareholders said the case had focused attention on the need for remuneration committees to become more aware of the contractual obligations of service contracts. Richard Regan, head of investments at the Association of British Insurers com-mented: "This case under-

lines the importance of the Greenbury Code recommendations that remuneration committees should look carefully at service contracts and

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The matter is said to have come to light after MeesPie son's recently appointed chairman, Thomas Abbot, or-The bank has had to write ago which cost MeesPierson

dered an investigation into the way the venture capital

investigation, which also in-volves an unnamed Irish bank, has also spread to its London office, from where the New York operation is super-

son confirmed an investiga-tion was under way, but de-clined to name the fund. He Earlier this month, Fortis signed a letter of intent to take over MeesPierson with said there was no question of owners ABN Amro.

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## **12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS**

'Beat a Cheat' campaign weeding out bogus claimants helps produce biggest fall for two years

## Hotline cuts dole queues

#### Larry Eillott Economics Editor

HE Government's snoopers hotline" is weeding out bogus jobless claimants and helped to produce the biggest fall in Britain's dole queues for almost two years last month, it

was disclosed vesterday. Officials said the 80,000 calls received by the Benefits Agency since the launch of the "Beat a Cheat" campaign in August was a factor behind the fall of 35,600 in the num ber of people out of work and claiming benefit in Septem-

Last month's reduction in the jobless total brought the official unemployment figure down to 2,073,100 - its lowest level for more than five a half years — and on course to drop below the two-million level early next year.

lian Shephard welcomed the fall - which was double the August reduction - saying it proved that the Government's economic policies were working. "Unemployment is not just falling but falling faster", growing at 4 per cent a year for the first time since midshe said. Ministers are also hopeful

that rising living standards 1994. With inflationary pres-will mesh with lower unem- sure weak, living standards

Cautious Chancellor faces economy still deep in hock to creditors even with a £1 billion wind- | egy at Dorneywood tomor-ENNETH Clarke's cau-Ktious Budget strategy was vindicated yesterday fall from privatisation receipts. when the latest set of bor-The Treasury blamed an rowing figures showed the exceptional £1.2 billion Government almost as debt interest payment on

index-linked gilts for the unexpectedly high borrowdeeply in the red as it was this time last year, urites arry Elliott. ing figure, but the painfully slow progress in cutting the PSBR will form the back-Despite rising consumer

demand, the public sector drop when the Chancellor borrowing requirement in September was £3.4 billion, maps out his Budget strat-

Employment Secretary Gil- | ployment and higher house | are currently rising by more | while the fact that September | than 3 per cent. Officials believe that the prices to generate support for the Conservatives in the six outlook for jobs has improved over the last few months, months that remain before next May's likely polling day. Data from the Office for even though they feel that the National Statistics showed September decrease was flatthat average earnings are tered by a number of special

six months. However, it said factor that the Benefits Agency The ONS said more graduates were going off the jobless count than in previous years, Frand Hotline did have an effect on the September data.

officials said the Chan-

forecast for 1996-97.

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ber 26, matched by spend-

According to the latest figures, the PSBR in the

first six months of the 1998-

97 financial year stood at £16.1 billion, down from

£20.1 billion in the corre-sponding period of 1995-96.

ing cuts.

In the summer, the ONS es timated that unemployment was a five-week month accenwas falling by 10,000-15,000 a month, but they now put the trend at a monthly fall of tuated the downward trend. The introduction of the Job seekers Allowance came too 15,000-20,000. This is in line late to affect last month's with the average fall of 18,900 claimant count, but would in the six months to Septem reduce the total by 35,000 after

> But while the jobless total has been cut by 190,000 in the past year, and fell in every region of the UK last month, the vast majority of the new jobs created have been in nart-time work.

The Government's Labour Force Survey — a quarterly poll of 60,000 people — showed yesterday that only 14,000 full-However, the improvement was almost entirely due to higher privatisation time jobs were created in the receipts. Stripped of the state sell-offs, the PSBR past year, compared with was £19.8 billion in the 198,000 part-time posts. Male full-time jobs have fallen by half-year to September, against £20.1 billion a year 36,000.

Labour seized on the LFS data to launch a fresh attack on the claimant count meacellor was still confident of hitting his £26.9 billion sure of unemployment, calling the figures "entirely bogus".

The Guardian Thursday October 17 1996.

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#### **News in brief**

## **BT tries to pull plug** on rival Global One

BRITISH Telecom is seeking a court order to halt the operations of Global One — the rival communications business owned by Deutsche Telekom, France Telecom and Sprint. BT, together with its German joint venture partner Viag Interkom, told a Dusseldorf court yesterday that the European Commission had made the creation of Global One conditional upon there being two national suppliers in addition to the state elecom monopolies, France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom. It claimed that Veba was the only other national supplier in-Germany and that it had only been granted a licence on Tuesday. The two other licences announced on Tuesday were for local networks in Cologne and Frankfurt. There were no alternative suppliers in France.

A Deutsche Telekom spokesman said: "Three new licences were granted yesterday, so we think the EC conditions are fulfilled." He claimed that BT's action was "disruptive", coming just days ahead of the German group's offer for sale which is expected to raise about £6.3 billion. The court is expected to rule in a fortnight's time. — Nicholas Bannister

#### Japanese readers draw blank

READERS of Japan's Sankei daily newspaper got a surprise yesterday when they found much of its afternoon edition blank Space usually given over to large advertisements was left bare as part of Newspaper Ad Day — to instill in readers a feeling that something was missing. The 14 advertisers involved contented themselves with having their names in small print in the centre of the spaces they would have occupied. —AP

#### Distiller's price-cutting plea

SCOTCH whisky distiller Burn Stewart, whose Scottish Leader brand sells about 250,000 cases a year, yesterday called on the industry to halt price-cutting.

Unveiling a drop in pretax profits to £1.01 million in the year to June 30 from £3.96 million the year before, group managing director Ian Bankier said: "We would like to see supermarkets pay 50 per cent more for the product, which if it was entirely passed onto the consumer would put 50p on a bottle." Leader, a blended whisky, costs about £9.80 a bottle in supermarkets. — Domina: Walah

#### **GEC chief's plunder**

GEORGE SIMPSON, the newly appointed managing director of GEC, has plundered the last two companies he worked at for directors in a move to build his own top management team at the company presided over by Lord Weinstock for more than 30 years. Jack Fryer is joining from car components group Lucas Varity to become strategic planning director. Robert Meakin, director of personnel at British Aerospace, assumes the same post at GEC. Both are expected to join the board.

Mr Simpson left BAe just over two years ago to take the top job at Lucas where he helped push through the recent merger with Varity. - Simon Beauls

#### Exclusive bid deadline looms

BIDDERS for Granada's collection of 17 Exclusive hotels - inherited as part of January's £3.9 billion Forte takeover — have until Monday evening to submit full and final bids. A source close to Granada denied reports yesterday that the

Sultan of Brunei was the front-runner to buy the Hyde Park Hotel in London with a bid of £90 million. "The jury is still out on whether best value is going to be

achieved from selling the hotels as a package or by individualtransactions," said the source. "There's no way we've picked out

the Sultan of Brunel or anybody else." He said that if Granada plumped for a single buyer, an an-nouncement could be expected "fairly quickly". Marriott, the US hotel and catering giant, is understood to be among the bidders for the entire package, which could fatch more than £1 billion. — Dominic Walsh

### Extra topping at PizzaExpress

THE restaurant group PizzaExpress confirmed yesterday that it is to pay £25 million to buy out up to 33 restaurants operated by its franchisees. The deal, first disclosed by the Guardian last month, will be financed through share issues in the UK and US. The 3 restaurants have a turnover of £18 million. — *Dominic Wolsh* 



Work for the likes of Dutch airline KLM at Heathrow and Rover at Cowley helped structural steel fabricator Wescol to pre-tax profit of £1.2 million in the year to July 31 — up 50 per cent. Managing director Alan Walker, pictured at the company's Halifax headquarters, is recommending a final dividend of 0.7p per share, up from 0.5p PHOTOGRAPH. CHRISTHOMORO

## **CBI's leader finds reasons to support minimum-wage laws**

#### Richard Thomas Economics Corres

DAIR TURNER, director-general of the CBI, said yesterday that German-style minimum wages and touch employment laws could help firms to boost productivity and compete in world markets.

In a marked departure from Germany) — limitations on is not ... international traded the confederation's formal op-position to state-set wage mum wages — may indeed that it achieves high produc-

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floors, Mr Turner said British | exporters were not helped by the "flexible" labour market, relentless focus on productiv-ity to minimise the labour and suggested that German nput firms were more focused on quality and efficiency as a minimum wages and restric

result of laws to protect jobs Speaking to a conference on European business, Mr Turner said: "Some aspects of

problem, compared to the US, inflexible labour markets (in

rowth.

In a speech more likely to John Major, Mr Turner dis-puted claims that the "Anglo-But the CBI chief said high tions on hiring and firing had Saxon" model of free labour.

made it harder to create jobs deregulated industry and in the labour-intensive ser residual welfare had boosted vice sector. "Continental Europe's conomic growth. "German per capita growth has actually exceeded that of

the US over the past five

have acted to stimulate a tivity but low intensity job ( can't look at the data and | continental countries. Mu reach the conclusion that the superiority of the Anglo-Saxon model is proven."

Mr Turner criticised pun-dits who had pointed to high German wages as a drag on growth. "Yes, Germany has high wage rates," he said. "But, so long as they are sustainable, high wages are a sign of success, not failure." Holding up the privatised years, the past 10 years and utilities as one area where the past 20 years," he said. "I Britain performs better than

Turner said short-term attitudes were still eroding husi ness performance.

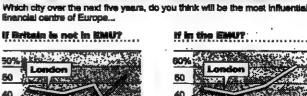
communications being the

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loses something in transla-tion. "Introducing Altus."

"Clearly there are plenty of companies and institutional investors that do take a very long-term view," he said "But overall. I'm struck by the way that UK companies have left manufacturing sectors in which German or French or Japanese compa nies have managed to flour ish."



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## **Pilots with the travel** bug wanted by airlines

#### WORKFACE/A

union ticket gives entry to high-flyers' hiring forum. Keith Harper reports

F YOU'RE prepared to travel anywhere in the world and are a trained pilot, you can get yourse fixed up with work, as 250 job seekers found this week when they attended an employment fair set up by the British Air-line Pilots' Association. Two bulky Australians, for-

mer pilots themselves, trawled the fair, creating considerable interest. They were acting for Korean Airlines. one of the fastest-growing companies in the Asia-Pacific rim. Korean is expanding so fast it is desperately short of

captains to five its besterately short of captains to five its jumbos. One of them, John Mox-ham, who heads an interna-tional crewing organisation, said Korean needed 48 senior captains immediately at sala-ries of around £75,000, and a guarantee of nine clear days off a month. Not the ideal job for a family man perhaps, but tempting enough to appeal to a younger person with no do-mestic commitments.

British Airways is the no-table exception. Its captains The Balpa conference, the first of its kind and not before time, since few unions make get £77,000, and there is a starting salary of £28,000. much effort to assist unem-Over the next five years, the company may need 1.342 plployed members, reflects the global market in jobs. Insurlots, although as things stand ance managers are now com-

muting between Sussex and [ today, the figure is only 958 Costa Rica, and civil engi-Pay at Britannia Airways neers from Buckinghamshire varies between £25,000 to to Singapore, because they £70,000 with a £2,000 holida; cannot find work in Britain. concession, and Richard All the carriers, small and Branson pays his captains around £55,000, with Christlarge were on show, from British Airways to Gill Air-ways, which flies out of New-castle and recruits 24-year-old mas bonuses thrown in.

Under this elite stratum, however, is a different world. Gill pays £14,000 for a first of captains for £25,000. Senior ficer and a new company. Debonair Airways, based at executives from each of the carriers strode to the rostrum with the hard sell. Luton, has a salary scale of If you are lucky, BA may £27.000-£42,000. Clearly, many recruit you as a cadet. This of the smaller outfits are used

means that you do not have to as training grounds for the big companies. They are pre-pared to accept all comers, in-

cluding helicopter pilots. In an overview of the indus Small outfits are ry, Sir Michael Bishop, Britused as training ish Midland's chairman, said grounds for the big operators'

that while job opportunities were reasonably good over the next few years, pilots had to be aware that the industry was becoming more competi-tive and passengers were

pay out large sums of money to train yourself in an indus-try where investments of bemoving towards low cost operatio Sir Michael believes that tween £20,000-£40,000 are the increasing emphasis will be on leisure travel. Air required by aspirant flyers. The common fallacy which suggests that all pilots are transport has done well from business, but the onset of the high earners, have two houses, private medical in-surance and send their chil-Internet, the video and the fax, means that many middle managers are not travelling abroad so often, and this has dren to private school was ex-ploded by pay rate revelations from several carriers. important implications for airlines.

The pilot of the future may be flying to more faraway bucket and spade locations in the Far East than bread and butter business destinations like Frankfurt, New York and Chicago.

ORD Rees-Mogg is to share his less-thanhappy recent experiences as head of GEC's remoneration committee at a seminar on November 27 on top pay. His lordship was at the centre of the storm over the original £10 million offered to GEC's incoming managing director, George Simpson. Lord Rees-Mogg will chair the seminar, which will cover "directors' remuneration post-Greenbury". And post-Simpson, of course.

OOD to see Robert Group to see Robert Griefleming's multiple problems with its Hong Kong offshoot, Jar-dine Fleming, have not dis-tracted the bank from the pressing task of exposing those closer to home guilty of un-German activities. But then the tedious busi-ness of sacking "rat" trad-ers and a rogoe fund man-ager cannot have been half

as exciting as pontificating about the need to embrace our Tentonic neighbours. A dinner Tuesday night, held by the Fleming-sponsored German-British Forum. "awarded" anti-prizes to the editor of the Daily Mirror, the novelist Frederick Forsyth and the cartoonist Charles Griffin; a commu-nique from Fleming HQ tuttutted about these gentle-men's "least positive efforts" in the field of "improving understanding". Yesterday the forum held a conference on whether the future of European commerce lay in the German or

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the British way of doing business. On the latter sub-Underside ject, at least, Fleming can boast some hard-won Dan Atkinson expertise.

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booms the cover of the in formation pack below a pic-formation pack below a pic-ture of a tiny figure in snowy wastes, "the 'phone system that works abso-lutely nowhere". That should have read "in the middle of numbers" Or **IURRAY for Easycall** the two-year-old dis-tance-destroyer with a rather nice telecoms company attached. The hoofed one's roller-coaster performiddle of nowhere": Or mance (wins at Leicester, Newmarket and Goodwood, perhaps not. a doze in August when he

ambled in fourth at York, EANWHILE, our old Manu Dhabi has followed by a 5-1 win at Doncaster last month) hit new peaks a week ago with clearly had enough of being the shy, retiring son of the desert and has embarked an 11-2 triumph at Ascot. His next outing, however, is uncertain; he'll be "havon a publicity spree of Lord Archer proportions. "A Statesman of Vision and ing a rest", according to his PR man, Victor Trocki. Generosity" declared a full-

LSEWHERE in the page advert in Tuesday's page advert in Thesday's Wall Street Journal Rurope below a pic of His Highness and above a photo of what looks like a tropical Brack-nell New Town, presun-ably the go-ahead Sheikh-dom, Dengely.ngcked gaping wonderful world of communications, the Dutch group KPN this week launched Altus, its new -anywhere satellite-telephone service. dom. Densely-packed script praises the Sheikh's "keen sense of responsibility". Whether on the prairie, the pampas or deep in the jun-gle, just point one of KPN's magic boxes at the sky and Sense or responsibility". Finally: "The debt of grati-tude owed by the people to this one man cannot be over-estimated". Don't ever dial. Unfortunately, with

LEAVING SOMEWHERE I'LL CALL YOU WHEN I'M NOWHERE Ken discuss the game at these monthly meetings we hear so much about.

VER wonder what the - Governor of the Bank Sundays? No. not ski-ing, he plays American football Eddie George is a running back for the Houston Oilers and when spotted last week he was "running with effort and power', accord-ing to the commentary, in helping his team beat the Cincinatti Bengals 30-27 in overtime. Perhaps be and

cision over the single currency. This time, however, only

European Busin is Editor wo in five believe London ONDON would lose its could keep the top slot if Britposition as Europe's preain did not sign up for EMU. The change in attitude mier financial centre if Britain opted out of monetary comes despite the decision of union, according to a survey a number of continental banks to increase their operaof business leaders More than half of the 500 tions in London. Earlier thi

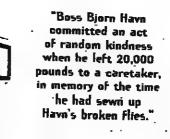
City to 'lose crown' if

**Britain rejects EMU** 

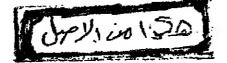
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of London's policy and would be strengthened by resources committee, believe that a growing awareness of a political dimension to EMU may be influencing attitudes. This is the first time that the survey, carried out annu-ally since 1990 for property consultants Healey & Baker, has come to the conclusion "We are in the fortunate po-sition where banks and other major financial institutions that a British opt-out from EMU could seriously damage

have been voting with their feet in coming to London. "However it is now apparent Previous surveys have that the political dimension is shown that business leaders were convinced that Lon-don's position would not be challenged whatever the de-



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## Hill makes the most of his capital gains

Richard Williams sees the newly crowned have had it any other way."

in the West End of London yesterday

HE very first Formula One world champion, Nino Farina, ticked the box marked "no pub-box marked "no publicity". After wrapping up the 1950 title he refused all inter-views and went home. Damon of Buenos Aires came to a halt to welcome him home, or to Alain Prost in 1993, when he drove his Williams up and

Hill also went home yester-day, newly crowned as the down the Champs-Elysées. 25th champion, but not until he had smiled for the final But Hill is and will remain an unassuming fellow, as he few hundred photographs and answered the last of a thouproved when he struggled to remove the cork from a magsand questions. num of champagne. "There's usually someone to do this for Hill was back in his driving

The night before, he had been surprised by the warm welcome at Heathrow, "I'm overwhelmed by the recep-tion I've had," he said, "From suit yesterday, posing with his Williams-Renault on the traffic island beneath Marble Arch, which is sometimes envisaged by romantics as the focal point of a future London Grand Prix. The arch's triumthe moment I stepped off the plane I've been mobbed, and it's been beautiful." phal nature explained its attraction to his sponsors yes-terday, but had he failed to He was asked about the suspenseful finish to the season,

clinch the title in Japan on Sunday he might have been after his failure to wrap up the title in Italy and Portugal. "It would have been nice to win it at Monza," he said, "but sometimes these things hannen for the yight summoned to the same spot to revive its old function as the site of Tyburn gallows. Office workers and tourists watched as he stood in front happen for the right reasons. of the trophies presented for each of his eight race vic-

for the first time in his

those who criticised his driving during the year. "I won half the races this season, and the championship. I believe I couldn't possibly have been asked to do anything more." The criticisms, he said, had motivated him. And to those

who claimed he was bad at overtaking he offered two words: "It's rubbish." But even the championship has not yet healed the wound of his abrupt dismissal by Frank Williams last month. "It wasn't the pat on the back I'd been expecting. Every sea-son there's some kind of drama to put you off balance, but I really had the rug pulled out from under me that time.

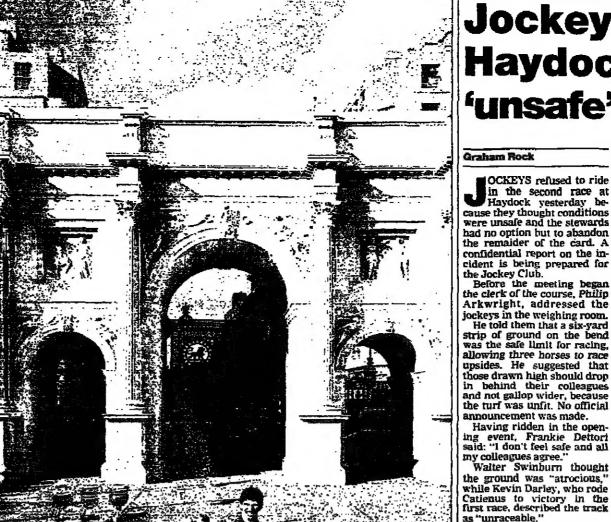
I had to put it out of my mind and carry on." Next season he will drive one of Tom Walkinshaw's Arrows-Yamahas, in a team who have never won a grand prix. "It's not going to be easy," he said, "but I believe that we could surprise a few

people next year. 'I'm not going to sit here and say that I'll be able to defend my championship with next year's outfit; that would be stretching it a bit far. But I certainly think we've got the opportunity to have success on our own terms. We'd like to see a progression through-

#### out the season. I'll have the No. 1 on the front of the car and I want to drive around as high up the grid as I can." How could he top his

riders with TV form

constructors' championship with 340pts to Mitsubishi's 304. Sainz's Belgian team-mate Bruno Thiry finished achievement? "I can't imag-ine. Win it again, I suppose. It's never going to be like winning it for the first time, it's never going to be like this again. But from now on it'll Tommi Makinen of Finland, who clinched the drivers' championship in be a bit easier to enjoy things. It's in the record books, it's Australia last month, went down there for ever, it can't be taken away. That's what I out in the opening stage on McRae yesterday but the Monday when he crashed set out to achieve, so I'm fully his Mitsubishi Lanc satisfied."



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Champagne special . . . Damon Hill makes a splash at Marble Arch

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## **Jockeys** halt **Haydock over** 'unsafe' ground

have cost valuable revenue through the Levy Board, but if a racecourse cannot pro-duce safe conditions, com-

OCKEYS refused to ride Haydock yesterday bemercial considerations

should be secondary. The notion that fair racing could take place with the field squeezed into an arbitrarlly-defined, narrow track, not wide enough to accommodate the numbers of runners per-mitted by safety regulations,

surely beggars belief. Haydock's attitude to the betting shop punters up and down the country was repre-hensible. It is impossible to helps indirectly to defray the racecourse's costs, and on this occasion the interests of those who contribute to the strip of ground on the bend was the safe limit for racing, allowing three horses to race upsides. He suggested that

Levy were ignored. In July 1989, 11 jockeys at Beverley decided that the course was not safe. When orthe turf was unfit. No official ing event, Frankie Dettori said: "I don't feel safe and all dered to continue some rode on, while others refused. Eventually the final three races were abandoned.

At a subsequent inquiry those deemed to have breached the rules were handed out fines of between £750 and £250.

A deputation of riders, in-The Derby winner Shaamit cluding Dettori and Swin-burn, then inspected the will not run again. He sus-tained a tendon injury while course with the officials, con-centrating on the ground on contesting the Arc de Triomphe and the colt's owner, Khalifa Dasmal, has decided he will be retired to Without asking for a formal opinion from the jockeys, the stud.

Shaamit went on to finish a stewards decided conditions were safe and announced that good third to Pentire and Classic Cliche in the King George, but he will not have racing would continue, but the 21 jockeys due to leave for the opportunity to realise his full potential. "We are only a small yard, and the parade took a collective decision not to ride. The stewards' secretary,

William Nunnely, said the stewards had intended "to are very sorry to lose him," said his trainer, William Hag-gas. "The tendon injury is not look at things again after the so had, but you can't afford to take a year off with a horse like

A handful of racegoers be rated the jockeys for bringing take a year off with a horse like this. I said all along he would the afternoon to a premature be better as he got older. It's conclusion The decision will such a pity.

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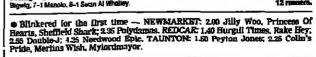
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**Champions League, Group A** Ajax Amsterdam 4, Rangers 1

## **Gazza** and **Rangers hit** the buffers

#### Patrick Glenn in Amsterdan

AUL GASCOIGNE'S sending-off in the 28th minute was the lowest point in a series of depressions for Rangers in Europe. Having been similarly punished for dissent against Borussia Dortmund last season, the erratic midfielder this time aimed a

kick at Winston Bogarde. By the time Babangida rolled in the third goal - the net was empty after the heroic Snelders had pushed out a Ronald de Boer drive — the Scottish champions had also seen their captain Gough, as well as Cleland and Moore, cautioned. All three will now miss the match against Ajax at Ibrox on Wednesday week.

Durrant brought Rangers' only high point with his goal - a 10-yard shot - three minutes from the end, but there was still time for Wooter to score a fourth by lobbing Snelders.

Rangers had fallen a rather undeserved goal behind after 25 minutes and were just beginning to regroup when the England midfielder put them in deeper trouble.

Knocked to the ground by the powerful Bogarde, Gas-coigne sprang to his feet and took a kick at the Dutch de fender. He knew he was walking even before the referee produced the red card.

Gascoigne had been an integral part of the manager Walter Smith's adventurous plan, playing as an orthodox cen tre-forward with Laudrup and Albertz in support in a 4-3-3 formation that has been totally alien to Rangers in the break. He obliged, first recent years. It was so unexpected that it was working.

Indeed, the Englishman had made an outstanding early opportunity by dispossessing the lethargic Frank de Boer and running unchallenged towards Van der Sar's goal before uncharacteristically tripping over his own feet.

Laudrup, too, missed what Alama Van would prove to be a rare chance when a slack Ajax header compromised the goal-keeper, leaving him stranded

as the Dane came in from the right. The Rangers winger, however, made an amateur-ish stab, sending the ball wide of the right-hand post. Rangers' adopted style was working so fluently that they were able to scramble to pro-tect Suelders whenever called upon, denying the Dutch the space they needed to inflict any damage. Only a shoddy piece of play

by Albertz allowed Dani to score the first of his goals. Taking the loose ball in plenty of space on his own 18yard line, the German knocked it straight to Reuser. The striker fed Babangida on the right and he produced a perfect centre which Dani, from six yards, nodded low to the right of Snelders. Ajaz's advantage was

doubled four minutes before the interval. Overmars, fed by Scholten, skipped past Moore on the left and delivered an impeccably weighted cross to Dani coming in from the right. This time the ball flew to the left of Snelders.

With Rangers by then in disarray, Ajax's Portuguese striker seemed to have se-cured his hat-trick when a 20yard shot sped past Snelders but crashed back off the underside of the bar.

If Gascoigne gave a pass-able impersonation of a striker while he was on the field, Sneiders's impression of the man he replaced, the injured Goram, was flawless. The Dutch goalkeeper made a

string of saves which prevented a more serious defeat. Having denied Reuser, San tos and Ronald de Boer in the first half, Snelders was asked to perform similar work after with a dive to his left to smother a shot from Scholten and then with a high leap to

touch away Frank de Boer's 20-vand free-kick. By the end the Ajax players were spending more time around Rangers' goal than they probably do with their

pedigree. Bogarde, R de Bos Scholten, Sebengida, Rangerar Sneider Bjorklund, Cieland, Sabangida, Reuser, Overmars, Snelders; Moore, Gough, Cleland, Farguron, McInnas, McCall, Laudrup, Albertz

Evans must feel that someone is writing that script for him. On Saturday he watched dis-believingly as his side's un-known quantity, Finland's

**Trever Haylett** 

T TOOK more than an hour



Horizontal hold . . . Gascoigne in hot pursuit as Ajax's defender Frank de Boer makes a despairing lung

## **Sinning Reds seek redemption in Sion**

lan Ross reports from Switzerland where Liverpool attempt to get back to winning ways in tonight's Cup Winners' Cup tie

NE of football's more enduring images is that of an ashen-faced manager insisting, in the im-mediate aftermath of defeat, that is now of no consequence. that the next match cannot "That has gone, and as ever

come soon enough. we now move on," Evans Then, ideally, the touching up of a tarnished image and the brushing away of the last vestiges of bitter disappointsaid. "We were all feeling a little bit low on Saturday but we now have the opportunity to put things right, albeit in a ment should be undertaken different competition in a difaway from the prying eyes of ferent country." any would-be critics, and against opponents of dubious This evening, in a pictur

esoue stadium at the foot of a wiss mountain, Liverpool Liverpool's manager Roy will seek a foothold in the quarter-finals of this season's Cup Winners' Cup.

beaten start to the season MyPa-47, in the competition's ended at Old Trafford. Liver-pool should have beaten Man-chester United, not lost, but that is a state of FC Sion. Sion are a competent enough side and can boast a good record since they won

promotion to Switzerland's first division 26 years ago. But even if they are a big fish here, it is a decidedly small pone "Liverpool will start as clear favourites and it will be very hard for us to beat them.

But, if we do not, it will not mean we shall die, because it is not as if we are going to war," Sion's phlegmatic president Christian Constantin Swiss footballing circles as the smiling assassin, and with good reason. Five games into the new season, and without warning, he dis-missed Michel Decastel, the coach who had led Sion to doestic cup succe

That success did not alter the fact that Sion are a club whose component parts are considerably more impressive than the end product. Their new coach Alberto Bigon has a CV as long as anyone's arm, and it includes a Serie A title in Italy with Napoli. Constantin said: "I have the impression that I have found a coach who will

one pressing dilemma, his team all but choose themfinally be capable of exploit-ing the potential which is at his disposal." It would be good to collect an away goal but that is probably stating the obvi-ous," he said, stating the obvious.

HOTOGRAPH: JASPER JUNE Constantin is known in | lacked a cutting edge that

Evans is clearly tempted to recall Robbie Fowler, who is almost fit after a three-game absence because of an ankle injury. With Everton due at Anfield on Sunday afternoon, however, it is a temptation he may well resist. But to do so would again place an un-healthy burden on Stan Collymore, who has proved himself singularly ill equipped to handle responsibility since he swapped the corner shop of Nottingham Forest for the superstore of Liverpool. Once Evans has solved his

Perhaps Smicek has had a bet on how long Newcastle can keep that record go-ing, as after only seven minutes against Ferencvaros he ensured that another game was added to the total. Hurtling from his area, the goalkeeper con-fused John Beresford

The Guardian Thursday October 17 1996

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Michael Walker on an 18-month comedy of errors that is Newcastle's defence

HE setting is Ferenc-varos's Uliol nt sta-dium in Budapest two days ago. The scene is the visitors' dressing room, where the Newcastle United manager, his play-ers and the back-room staff are collecting their thoughts after a performance that was disorientat-ing even by Newcastle's ec-

centric standards. Kevin Keegan, hardly the most predictable of characters, is surprisingly upbeat about what has hap-pened. Even a perfectly le-gitimate last-minute equal-iser from Alan Shearer that was mistakenly overruled by the referee has not upset the manager.

He immediately starts geeing up his side for the second leg and argues that, even if Shearer's goal had stood, Newcastle would still have needed to win 1-0 at St James' Park in the

At that point Peter Beardsley interrupts, say-ing: "We shouldn't need ing: "We shouldn't need 1-0; 0-0 would put us through on away goals." Realising he is wrong, Kee-gan retorts: "And when was the last time we were involved in a 0-0 game?

Beardsley quietens down and receives no back-up; indeed David Batty answers the rhetorical question: "Certainly not since I've been here.

As Batty arrived, from Blackburn at the end of February, he may think eight months without a goalless draw is a long time. In which case he should speak to Pavel Srnicek, who played in Newcas-tle's last goalless match the previous April, 60 games ago going into Tuesday, and 18½ months back.

First Division: QPR 1, Bradford City 0 | Norwich 2, Oldham 0

## **Brazier** lights **Loftus fire**

#### Martin Thorpe

OUSTON, we still have Park Rangers won their first league game under their new manager last night with an injury-time volley from Matthew Brazier. How-ever, the paucity of this performance will have discouraged those in an extremely low Rangers crowd from turn-

ing out next time. If ever Rangers were going to turn round a dismal set of results under Stewart Houston then here was the opporthe left. tunity. Bradford, promoted via the play-offs, are finding the higher altitude a little heady, and came into this game third from bottom of the in confidence and telling in-vention. The half-time questable, without an away win tion was whether anyone could remember a worse Rangers side. Few could. and having scored only one goal and conceded 11 on their travels.

The manager Chris Kamara urgency into their attitude and at last some of the better has turned to some old heads to see him out of trouble: Gorplayers showed belated glimpses of their undoubted talent. Barker's through-ball to Slade was a gem, splitting don Cowans in midfield has recently been joined in the team by Chris Waddle playing an unfamiliar striker's role. open the Bradford defence be Rangers on the other hand

were once again packed with youngsters, as the long-term injured. Yates and Gallen, were last night joined in the Queens Park Rangers: Sommer Graham, Ready, McDonald, Brevett Sinclair, Barter, P Murray, Smaller, Slade Charles Charles Mainer, Citys Nixon; Liberd, O'Brien, Mohan, Jacobs, Kiwomya, Duxbury, Cowans, S Murray, Shuti, Waddle. Reference C Wilkes (Gloucoster). stands by Dichio (knee) and Impey (flu). Until Houston buys some

of heavy pressure and some anxiety before Norwich experience one cannot see Rangers improving greatly, and it was no great surprise to the frustrated home fans to could break Oldham's resistance at Carrow Road last night and, though they can see Bradford dominate much of the first half. feel much encouraged by their start to the season, their home form is far from con-However, Sommer was rarely troubled and as half-

time approached it was vincing despite last Friday's Rangers who began to put the more threatening moves defeat of Ipswich. This victory meant they pulled back to within two together, Barker shooting just points of Bolton at the top distribution. wide, Brazier forcing Nixon to make two attempts to control a left-foot snap shot from

18 yards, and Charles nar-rowly failing to connect with Results Murray's curling cross from Soccer Despite that late surge, this EUROPEAN CUP remained a fragmented per-formance by Rangers, lacking CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE

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#### Union has players' trust — Nevin ligan 22

THE players' union was bers to refuse to play non-making no predictions Premiership matches in yesterday as the deadline front of TV cameras. Premiership matches in front of TV cameras. "There's no reason why the games can't just go ahead passed for the return of strike ballot papers, in the Professional Footballers' Association's dispute with the Football League over the allocation of television games cameras are turned off," Nevin said. The first match to be af-fected would be Grimsby v Sheffield United on Sunday revenue.

"It's difficult to say which way the vote will go," said the union's chair-man Pat Nevin. "But the last time we had a ballot. five years ago on the Pre-Hearts chairman Chris Robinson has been ordered mier League, we had over 90 per cent backing. The players generally trust the union and what it's doing."

to appear before the Scot-tish FA's disciplinary com-If the players do vote to mittee on November 18 to strike, despite alleged inexplain his actions on the timidation by some of their clubs, the plan of action touchline as his club had four men sent off against would be to instruct mem-Rangers last month.

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**Rugby League** TOUR MATCh Lanceshire 9. Australian

ams, who put the game out of and harry in midfield. reach by turning home Eadie's 74th-minute cross. Andy Johnson, who had scored twice in the win over their East Anglian rivals, was forced to drop out, but Ian

Crook's return after a three-

whereas Oldham, rock bot-

tom, are no nearer seeing the

light. After Darren Eadie's

opener it was a former Latic.

the Canaries winger Neil Ad-

out of harm's way. match absence promised to But Crook gradually began to find his range and an as-tute chip that fell to Eadie alenhance Norwich's ability to stretch Oldham with quality

Norwich maintain challenge with late flurry

Patience was another vir-ue needed by the home side, portunity for Newman. In the tue needed by the home side, with Oldham using Ormon-29th minute Crook, direct drovd as a lone striker and from a free-kick, struck the angle of post and bar. The second half opened deputing five men to cover

That was an understandwith Fleck's inability to make ably unambitious tactic from the most of an opening ex-Graeme Sharp yet the first threat to either goal came from two early Oldham corposed when O'Neill's flick sent him clear. Then a strong Eadie run, his first of the night, saw Rickers booked ners, which Norwich were relieved to see eventually slip after a crude if not reckless foul -- and Crook this time forced Kelly to dive to his right to make the save. That all changed in the 71st

I minute when Eadle, sitempting to play in Fleck, had a fortunate rebound off Redmond and strode on to smack a meaty drive beyond Kelly.

Now released from their shackles, it was no surprise to find the diminutive winger cutting loose immediately after and setting up Adams's second.

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for Harford RAY HARFORD may or may not have been reas-

sured yesterday when he was given the dreaded vote of conlidence by the vice-chairman of Blackburn Richard Matthewman, sonin-law of the Rovers owner Jack Walker, said of the man-

ager who has yet to win a game this campaign: "We felt Ray was the man for the job when we appointed him and Beresford resulted in a he did a great job in the second half of last season. As third Hungarian goal. far as we are concerned noth-ing has changed."

Further backing came from the striker Kevin Gallacher, who said: "It is up to the players to show unity and we are very much behind Ray." Rovers may get a timely fil-lip if the England left-back Graeme le Saux is able to return to action at Sheffield

"If it was Liverpool, my friend, it wouldn't have been 3-2." he replied. "We played the Newcastle way tonight and we'll play the Wednesday on Saturday, two months earlier than expected. Another whose future has been under a cloud is Paul Merson, but his new manager same way in Newcastle. It was enjoyable, though as a coach I'm not saying it was great." No, not quite. Arsene Wenger has promised that there is no prospect of a separation from Arsenal. Merson's contract expires next year and the club have

yet to offer him a new deal, but Wenger insisted: "I think he is in the future. He's had his troubles but he's gone the right way and I think that the stories about him will have made him more determined." Paul Ince has been given a two-match ban after being sent off at the weekend in Internazionale's victory over Piacenza. He was shown the red card after the visitors' Gianpietro Piovani collapsed clutching his head after apparently being struck by the midfielder.

ball, enabling Horvath to skip between the two and get the Magpies' night off to a comical start. "For the first goal Pav should have cleared it," said Keegan. "And Fye told him. He should have thrown his head in if necessary."

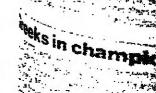
If that moment was instrumental in unnerving Newcastle's shaky back four, their collective inability to defend tightly was the reason for Ferencyaros's second. As Keegan said: "In Europe you want a quiet start, keep a clean sheet, but after 15 minutes we're 2-0 down." The manager was exceedingly pleased with what happened next,

though. Led by Shearer and driven on by Batty, New-castle went from the ridiculous at the back to the sublime at the front. The goals from Les Ferdinand and Shearer were magnificent, Robert Lee should have added a third, and as Keegan said, "for those 25 min-utes it looked as if we were going to tear them apart". They did not, however, chiefly because Newcastle's layers seem to have only a limited understanding of the concept of possession football. Time and again the ball was given away, the nadir coming when Beardsley's botched

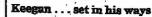
ady for the old It was a theme set early on by Lee and picked up by most of his team-mates, but the only time Keegan publiciy came close to recogni ing this deficiency was when a Hungarian journal-

ist asked him how the Newcastle of today compared with the Liverpool of Kee-gan the player's time.

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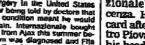
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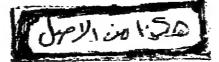
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David Davies on the World Match Play debut of serious Phil Mickelson

T HAS taken him five years, but today Phil Mickelson is a much shallower and more successful professional golfer than ever before. He also has less fun, about which more later. Mickelson is the prodigy-

before-last, the one before Tiger Woods, the one who, at the age of 26, has made it all the way to the top of the US money list, which he currently leads with more than \$1.5 million (£1 million). Last week he led the United States to victory in the Dunhill Cup, and this week he attempts to win the Toyota World Match Play championship at Wentworth for the first time, starting today against Vijay Singh.

Mickelson is a man who has known nothing but golf all his life. He began at the age of two, apeing his father and becoming a lefthander not because he is left-handed but because he got a mirror-image of the parental swing.

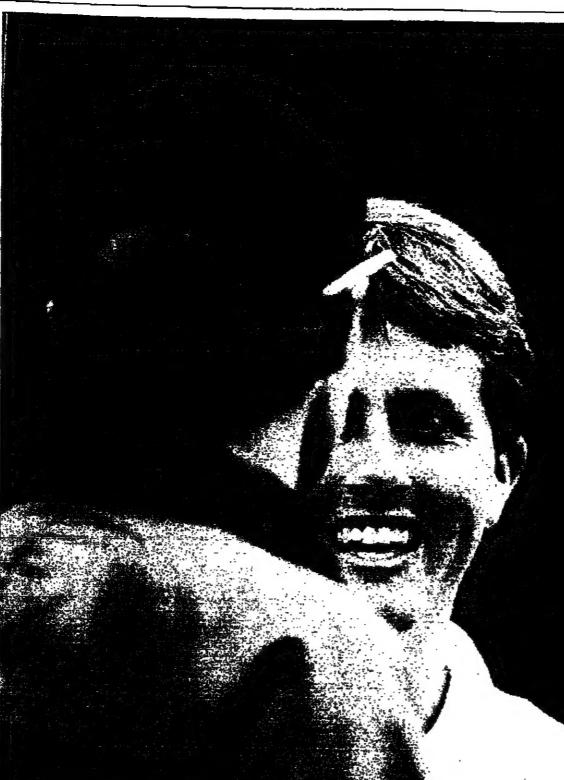
He became exceptionally good very quickly indeed and, making all the stops along the way, won every thing the amateur game had to offer. That included not only three NCAA college championships, but one of them in 1990 when he also won the US Amateur to become the first man since, yes, Jack Nick-laus to do that particular double.

Mickelson was a phenom-enon. He bestrode the amateur fairways with a smil-ing arrogance born of total confidence, and when as an amateur he won a US Tour event, the Northern Tele-com Open, he demonstrated just what a resilient player he was. As the tournament reached its chimax, he took a triple-bogey seven at the 14th to barely stifled cries of "He's choked". He then hirdied two of the last three holes and his principal challenger, the tour veteran Tom Purtzer, took two

in a bunker at the 18th to

be the final, losing choker.

Sport in brief



A Wentworth word . . . Mickelson and his caddle Bones compare notes in practice yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

a natural choice to play in the first match and be hit There was mud on the the opening blow, a huge drive down the middle. ball and Mickelson, after staring hard at his man He stared after it for took a seven-iron and, with longer than is normal. an exaggerated out-to-in

swing to avoid the dirt, hit seeming to relish his posia 160-yard shot, over a lake, straight into the hole for tion as the centre of atten-tion on that elevated tee, and then when he broke his the first-ever eagle two pose he flipped his driver some 10 yards through the made at that hole. Zerman's coach saw the incident and air to his waiting caddie. It told his man: "The next seemed like a "follow that" gesture, a challenge, and it time Phil wants a drop, give it to him. Don't make was the mark of a suhim mad." premely confident person. Mickelson became fam-

Earlier that year he had ous, notorious even, for his been playing in the Golf Di-gest Collegiate Invitational against Manny Zerman, ability to make seemingly impossible shots. Faced with a lake he would somewhom he had beaten in the times "Barnes Wallis" his final of the US Amateur. | ball over it. bound Mickelson had alienated on to the green.

water, Zerman refused, | sional he was a revelation man with the most edu in the way that he would cated hands in the game decided that to become a more complete player he had to

interact with the spectators. He would chat and stop the overswing, the dip past parallel at the top of the backswing, that was such an obvious feature of joke with them between green and tee, sign autographs, pose for photo-graphs. "It won't last," said the old pros, and they were his golf. 'I did it myself," he said.

"It's sad, really," said Mickelson yesterday. "The fans became so forward and "I worked out a way of swinging shorter without losing power, and it inso abrupt with their de-mands that I had to change. volves a shallower plane. I used to pick the club up too steeply, which meant hit-ting down on the ball too sharply and the ball would It wasn't by choice. Golf is one of the few games where player and public can get real close, but now you fly too high. It was not a can't talk to family or friends without someone good swing in a wind, but now I'm a whole lot more consistent." sticking a pen and paper in

ment for the injured loose for-ward Mark Horo. But Betts

rates Stephen Kearney, his

second-row partner at War-riors and one of 11 Auckland players in the Kiwi team, as one of the best in the world.

The Lions appear to have an advantage at half-back, where Bobbie Goulding and Jestyn

Harris are more experienced than the unproven Warriors

pair Stacey Jones and Gene Ngamu, but they would be more likely to capitalise were the talents of Robinson, Con-

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nolly and Newlove here rather than wintering at home. NEW SEALANO (Auchand Warters I not stated): Hittge (cast): Hopps, Mackmore, Them (Canterbury, Bernett, (Cronula): Hypens, Josean Pougle (Canberra), Ere, Teang, Kearney, T ire (Hanter Martinez), Smith (N Queensland Contors), Smithisten Wil (Canberra), L. Swam, Elles, J. Yagane. GREAT assirtation, Radmath (Wigon), Pewell (Keignioy), Sedivan (St Helora): Harte (Warrington), Geneting (St Helons), Breatheat (Snethells) Complegemen (St Helenz), O'Conner (Mgan), Bette (Auckiond), Southerpe (Warrington), Farvel (Waga, capt). Sobalitatem to bo announced. Reference 5 Hartgan (Australie).

## **SPORTS NEWS 15**

#### **Rugby Union**

Heineken European Cup: Ulster 15, Harlequins 21

## **O'Leary bails out** struggling Carling

of the right post.

Robert Armstrong at Ravenhill

ARLEQUINS were mightily relieved to finish their opening European Cup game against a shrewdly organised Ulster side with a narrow victory last night. The profes-sional influence of Tony Russ, the former Leicester supremo who now coaches Ulster, was evident in everything that the hosts attempted, though they were unable to match well-worked tries by Mick Watson and Daren O'Leary that proved decisive for Quins.

were penalised for falling off-side. Humphreys showed the value of his crisp economical Quins goalkicker Will Carling had a miserable evening, missing four kickable penal-ties out of seven while his UIgoal-kicking technique, chip-ping his side into the lead ster counterpart David Humphreys was a regular source from 20 metres. However, the Quins pack of inspiration with hand and responded with a splendid drive through the middle that boot, finishing with four penalties and a drop goal. Neath, who visit The Stoop on Satur-day, could feel the Quins' culminated in the prop Bene zech sending the No.8 Watbacklash after such a medioson clear for a merited try to cre outing by the high-priced ondoners.

the right of the posts, which Carling converted. Not in the least fazed by that setback, Humphreys reduced the defi-Robbie Paul brought distinction to Quins first appearance in Belfast with a coruscit to 6-7 with a magnificent cating midfield break that released Mensah down the 35-metre drop-goal that liter-ally fell like a thunderbolt from the gathering gloom. An exchange of long-range left. It required remarkably speedy covering by Morrow penalties between Carling and McCluskey to prevent the sort of early try that often can | and Humphreys, who suc-

#### Cardiff 48, Munster 18

out a huge dent in self-confidence. Ulster's resolute first-time the score delicately poised at tackling made it difficult for 9-10 on the half-hour.

Quins to profit from set-piece Ulster's all-round pace and tenacity tended to stifle Carpossession or develop a pat-tern of continuity and the ling's creative endeavour behome side's morale received hind the scrum, though the England centre did make sev-eral midfield breaks, which another significant boost in the 10th minute when Carling steered a simple 20-metre pen-alty, awarded for offside, wide fizzled out only through lack of coordinated support. Between times Humphreys sent Ulster promptly made another 40-metre penalty, this ground down the right thanks time from the left touch-line, to a raking 40-metre grub-kick by Humphreys and when the ball was swept across the a fraction wide of the left up-

right. Nevertheless, on the stroke of half-time the Ulster goal-kicker gave his side a 12-10 lead with a third penal-Ulster three-quarters from the subsequent line-out Quins ty from 45 metres.

A rapid tap-dance on Car-ling's body by one of the Ulster flankers was swiftly fol-lowed by two sweetly struck penalty goals from the Quins fly-half that put his side into a 16-12 lead, However, Hum-phreys again reduced the deficit to a single point with his fourth penalty.

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## **Howley's hat-trick puts Cardiff in cruise mode**

#### David Plummer

In Cardiff OBERT HOWLEY'S brain complemented his brawn as Cardiff fol-lowed Sunday's narrow victory at Wasps by dismissively swatting Munster aside at the Arms Park. The Wales scrum-

cial champions, were dwarfed at forward by Cardiff but in typical Irish style roamed and scavenged to telling effect. The match was but two min-utes old when the visitors took the lead with a try of

Cardiff, spurred on by a dis-appointingly small crowd of around 3,000, responded with wing, Wallace, beat him to the bounce, the ball squirted over the line and the scrum-half pounced on it for his fourth try in this competition.

Three tries in the first 12 ninutes of the second half finished off Munster and allowed Cardiff to try the new substitution role with Saturday's demanding match in Tou-louse in mind.

Four players trudged off but Munster were so overwhelmed that when the flanker Toland was presented with a clear run to the line he so lost his head he was eventually overhauled making his way to touch.

Cardelin J Thomas, S Hill, M Hall, G Jones, N Walker; J Davies, R Howley; L Musica, J Humphreys, D Young, J Wakeford, D Jones, H Taylor (capi), M Bennet, E Lands, centre. Sean McCahill, Scored their second try. touched the ball he dummied through Cardiff's midfield from a line-out and created the space for the wing, Beg-ley, to score in the corner. (De thanker, Arthony Foley, Humphreys, D Young, J Watelord, D Scored their second try. It took a moment of genius from Howley to bring Cardiff back into the match. He dum-ley, to score in the corner. (Form a ruck on his own 10-(Control, Cardiff, Cardiff, Control, Cardiff, Control, Cardiff, Cardiff

withdrawn myself. Where is

Piensar claimed that Markgraaff, appointed this year in place of Kitch Christie, had

it all going to end?"

a series of forward surges that provided the platform for the scrum-half, Howley, to equalise in an enterprising, end-to-end affair that defied the wet conditions. Cardiff's forward suprem

icy confined Munster to sniphalf scored three tries and was again his otherwise predict-able side's attacking fulcrum. Munster, Ireland's provin-cial champione ware dwarfed ing raids but the physical superiority of the home side threatened to take its toll when Hill and Taylor scored ludicrously easy tries. Munster's reply was a penalty from Begley and a long-range goal from Keane.

But Munster regained the lead in the 28th minute when their forwards won four rucks in quick succession and the flanker, Anthony Foley, stunning simplicity. The first time the Munster

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trating on developing his cycle equipment business but said: "It would be premature to retire and, even though my business commitments may give me less time to train, I could still compete effectively in track events on a scaled-down training Ready for the old one-two

TIM HENMAN and Greg Rusedski, Britain's top two tennis TIM HENMAN and Greg Rusedan, Britain's top two tennis players, face each other today for the first time this year in the second round of the Czech indoor tournament in Ostrava, after Rusedski yesterday defeated the Swiss qualifier George Bastl 6-4, 7-6. Henman, the British No. 1 now ranked 26th in the world, beat Sweden's Nicklas Kulti on Monday and will face Rusedski, ranked 53, for the first time since beating the British No. 2 in the final of the British Noticeael Chempionship in Telford last November. the British National Championship in Telford last November. Sam Smith celebrated her first win on home soil since she seam simil calevrates her first will of nume sous states she became the British women's No. 1 a fortnight ago when she beat Sofia Pzareres from Portugal 6-3, 6-3 in the first round of the Texaco Ladies' Challenge at Cardiff, and today faces the Czech Eva Martancova in the second round.

GRAEME OBREE, Scotland's most famous cyclist, will post-

pone his retirement until after the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. Yesterday he gave his full support to the Scottish Commonwealth Games Council in its campaign to

raise £400,000 to send the Scottish team to Malaysia. A quarter of that sum has already been raised through a sponsorship deal

With the Bank of Scotland. Obree has been getting back to fitness after his disappointing Olympic Games in Atlanta where, because of a virus, he was far

from his world record-breaking best. He is currently concen-

#### Drago a clear winner

TONY DRAGO began with a 133 total clearance and took only 82 TON I DRAGO began with a 133 total clearance and took only 82 minutes to beat Andrew Cairns 5-2 on the first day of the snooker season's second world-ranking event, the Grand Prix at Bourne-mouth, *writes Cline Everton*. John Parrott, the 1991 world cham-pion, beat the 1986 champion Joe Johnson 5-4.

#### **Greeks in championship row**

A DISPUTE between the Greek government and the Greek Athletic Federation (Segas) threatens to wreck the 1997 world champi-onships in Athens, it was claimed yesterday by the Segas presi-dent States Molivas. The federation, which has signed a contract with the International Amateur Athletic Federation to run the championships, has withch awn from the organising committee, saying it was being marginalised by the state. "Under current circumstances we will no longer participate in

any way or form in Athens 97 and we will not accept responsiany way or form in Athens 97 and we will not accept responsi-bility for any problems that will arise," he said, and claimed that the Greek sports minister Andreas Fouras had left Segas out of every important decision concerning the championships and had not allowed it to run agreed funds. In return, Fouras called on the Segas board to replace Molivas. He said the championships would be held as scheduled next Angust despite the Segas boycott. The year-long dispute has prompted the IAAF to warn Greece that its handling of the world championships is a test for Athens's bid to host the 2004 Olympic Games. bid to host the 2004 Olympic Games. 

front of your face. If the forecast for Went-If some of the fun has worth is correct, that swing

When Mickelson came to Zerman and so, when he There was the joyousness gone from the game. Mick- change will serve him well, Portmarnock to play in the asked for a free drop from of youth in all this and Walker Cup in 1991 he was what he alleged was casual when he turned profes- to the bank. Last year the seeable future.

der, and he saw this demotion ( second row and Tyran Smith

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#### **Rugby League**

#### Grand of Obree back Second take for O'Connor for a final encore

Andy Wilson in Auckland

as confirmation. And when he had an outstanding game in the midweek match in Fiji ment for the injured loose for-F A Great Britain side denied their first-choice back with no immediate reward, he line are to have any chance admitted that flying home admitted that flying home of defeating New Zealand at the Ericsson Stadium here tomorrow in the first match and declaring allegiance to Wales was a tempting option. However, he worked off his frustration in an Auckland of a three-Test series, they must contain a home pack gym and on Tuesday he chanwhich steamvoliered Papua New Guinea in running up 126 points over two matches nelled his aggression into a

huge performance against the President's XIII. That was against the Auck-land Warriors props Hitro Okesene and Brady Malam and it earned him the Test re-cell but Brady and Young will in the past fortnight. The Lions' coach Phil Larder has chosen Terry O'Con-nor, Wigan's 24-year-old prop, alongside Sheffield's captain Paul Broadbent as the men to call, but Pongia and Young will be even tougher opponents; Pongia is a notoriously hard hitter with the Canberra match New Zealand's formidable front-row pair of Quen-tin Pongia and Grant Young. O'Connor was given his Test debut in PNG three Raiders and Young has been described by the Lions' secondrow Denis Betts, who will be a Warriors team-mate next sumweeks ago but nerves, heat and humidity undermined his mer, as "a man mountain". Great Britain's back-row trio performance and he was of Betts, the 19-year-old Paul Sculthorpe and the 21-year-old captain Andy Farrell look dropped for the next game in Fiji. Because of his exclusion from. England's World Cup squad last year he had always capable of matching New Zeasuspected his selection for land, who have the former this tour owed little to Lar- Wigan winger Tony Iro in the

#### Squash \_\_\_\_\_

### England blow hot and cold as Scots hit form

lan McKenzie in Kuala Lumpur when she might have had a NGLAND topped their women's world team championship group yester-day after an unconvincing 2-1 morale-boosting work-out. Horner's performance was curious, given that she has had only one easy outing 30 far, against Egypt. "It was a dead rubber," she said after win over a young New Zealand side. Their reward is an easy quarter-final today Leilani Marsh had beaten her against the unrated Finland 9-2, 9-2, 9-2. "There was no need to kill myself." and a comfortable path to the Jackman, taken to five games the previous day by a final, where they are seeded to meet Australia. It might easily have been low-ranked Dutch opponent, different. In the opening rub-ber the England first string struggled again yesterday before beating Beames 7-9, 9-7, Cassie Jackman looked very shaky against New Zealand's world No. 17 Philippa Beames, then the third string

Linda Charman was forced to | Cowie. "It is hard for her to dig deep, and Suzanne Horner simply threw her dead rubber final.

"Beames played fantasti-cally. Cassie has improved and six months ago she would have lost that match." Charman was in trouble at 5-4 in the fifth game against Sara Cook, who pulled back after dropping the opening two games. But the English woman responded well, clinching rubber and match in one hand. Scotland earned a place in end scored a try on his first the quarter-finals with a 3-0

win over France secured by

BRISTOL risk losing two points if they fail to host their European Conference game against Narbonne at the Memorial Ground this

Saturday. Bristol want to play on Sunday, because on Saturday the ground is being used by their soccer tenants Bristol Rovers, meeting Blackpool in a Second Division match.

The tournament's organis-ers issued their threat yesterday but Bristol's general manager Dave Tyler said: "The Sunday date was arranged weeks ago after we explained the whole ground-share situa-

tion to Narbonne." The French club's secretary

Rene Bes said: "We cannot play on Sunday for two reasons: we have reserved a flight for Sunday morning, and our players are not pro-fessionals, they have to be in factories and offices first hactories and oncess hirst thing on Monday morning." Narbonne were playing in Treorchy in the Conference last night and Tyler went to the Rhondda Valley to try to resolve a situation which could ultimately proved Paic could ultimately wreck Bristol's quarter-final ambitions. Bristol were playing at Bridgend last night and Tyler added: "Friday night is out

THE sacking of South Af- | view with the Afrikaans-lanrica's captain Francois guage Beeld newspaper. Pienaar, an issue which "First the coach said I have has caused a rift in the coun-try's rugby circles, took a bizarre twist yesterday when said this meant only the imit was claimed that the fanker was in danger of be-coming punch-drunk. A former Springbok hooker, Uli Schmidt, has sup-ander of be-the diate future. Then this was followed by statements that I had no role in the touring squad, that I was not avail-able for the tour, that I had

ported the dropping of Pien-aar for the tour to Argentina, Wales and France this autumn, saying that a series of injuries had given rise to concern about his health and

yet to telephone him about the decision to drop him. fitness. Schmidt, a doctor, claimed Pienaar's reaction times had been affected by several concussion injuries and he

the decision to drop him. One of Markgraaff's fellow selectors, Ray Mordt, resigned from the panel on Monday in protest at the dropping of the man who led the Springboks to their World Cup win 16 months ago. Michael Lynagh, the Aus-tralia fix half who has scorad needed a long rest. But Plenaar, who was left out of the Test series against the All Blacks in August betralia fly-half who has scored cause of a neck injury, exraise of a neck injury, ex-pressed bitterness about the way the coach Andre Mark-graaff had dropped him from the squad. "I am fed up with all the lies since I was left out of the team," he said in an inter-

Pienaar in new

injury scare

#### Cricket

Reeve in Somerset coaching talks

his retirement from playing because of a ruptured tendon in his hip.

After the abrupt departure of Cottam, with a year left on his contract, many Somerset supporters felt the county needed a new. aggressive approach and that the maverick Reeve, who led Warwickshire to six titles, was the man to

supply it. Warwickshire have made the first move for the Eng-Reeve, a friend of Ander- land A batsman David son from Hong Kong days when the Somerset official was a senior police officer. Hemp, asking Glamorgan for permission to talk to the 25-year-old left-hander when he becomes a free agent on November 1. Glasidering other options after | morgan are likely to agree.

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because we can't realistically play twice in three days, while Saturday night is also a non-starter because the ground couldn't possibly be "It is ridiculous for the organisers to say we must con-cede the game. At a meeting

 Ian Botham's son Liam will make his home debut for West Hartlepool against Hawick on Saturday, having last week-

went on as a second-half replacement in the friendly at Watsonians and his try helped clinch a 37-25 win.

senior appearance for the club. The 19-year-old centre

mined by the home team."

be discussing the vacancy

rangements for dates and kick-off times would be deter-

with two others.

**David Foot** prepared in time after the football. DERMOT REEVE was in Taunton yesterday hav-ing talks with Somerset

about a likely move to the in July it was stated that arclub as director of cricket in succession to Bob Cottam. But the chief executive

Peter Anderson said no annonncement was imminent, and he implied they would

is thought to be the firm favourite. But he too is con-

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**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE** 

Group C: Fenerbahce 0, Manchester United 2

## United are up and away

#### David Lacey

ANCHESTER United began to look part of the modern European football community here last night. Playing with composure and intelligence after some early scares, they scored twice, through Beckham and Cantona, early in the second half to silence the fervent Fenerbahce crowd and take a sig-nificant step towards qualifying for the Champions Cup quarter-finals. It was United's first away win in eight Euro-

pean games. Routine warnings to stay off the streets and avoid balconies if Fenerbahce won owing, as the Turkish Daily News put it, to "the regret-table babit of discharging firearms into the air" — did not alter the fact that this was a game Manchester United could not afford to lose.

The situation demanded a more positive performance from Alex Ferguson's team last night than had been evi-dent against Juventus in Turin. On that occasion United went into the game set on containing the opposition, with the result that they lost to a goal from Boksic without achieving a single shot on target themselves.

This should not be what Manchester United are about. Last night they had the chance to remind Europe of the force they intended to become again on foreign fields, a 2-0 victory over a pool Rapid Vienna team at Old Trafford having proved little. With Pallister, sufficiently

recovered from his back in-jury to join May at centre-back, Johnsen's task was im-, Johnsen's task was im-

mediately clear - and thankless - from the way he tried to keep track of Okocha, the skilful Nigerian midfielder Fenerbahce had



Dancing attendance . . . Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, right, and Halil Ibrahim step out in the Fenerbahce Stadium last night

nen forward in the opening | ploited by minute and forcing a corner, Manchester United were soon having to fall back in the hope that, with Cruyff tucked into

Juventus. | drive a 20-yard shot low past | still an attacking force. | Norwegian drew what Okocha was having few the left-hand post. problems in this respect. After 12 minutes he initiated a multi-passing movement Cantona, saw a shot deflected problems in this respect. Two minutes later Cruyff, discomfort, was Okocha. Hav-ing flicked the ball, Best-like, past Neville near the left-

So, to United's continuing remained of the defence discomfort, was Okocha. Hav-ing flicked the ball. Best-like, ball to Beckham, who drove it sharp chance for Kostadinov, Manchester the ball rebounding off the second was initiated by Solsk-jaer's backheel to Cruyff, who Bulgarian's knee for Bolic to appeared behind the defence drive it a fraction wide. Then near the left-hand byline and, Okocha left Pallister in a confused heap before shooting with the defence spread-eagled, crossed short and low for Cantona to turn the ball past the same right-hand post. Manchester United's best opportunity of the first half followed a neat series of short into the net. Between times Pallister, passes by Butt, Cantona and Solskjaer which left Cruyff recovered from a first-half blow to the chest, had blocked with only Rustu to beat. The a shot from Okocha and in the shot was hard and true but Rustu deflected it behind. next instant tackled Bolic as the Bosnian tried to pounce The moment proved portenon the rebound. Fore and aft, tous. Ten minutes into the second half United took the therefore, United were much improved. lead; four minutes later they Penertabos Rusic Iñer, Uche, Hogh. Heil Ibrahim, Bulent, Otocha, Kemaistin, Tuncay (Terik, Silman); Bolic, Kestadinov (Aygun, 83). Manchester United: Schmelchel; G Manchester, Johnsen, Schmelchel; G Neville, May. Pallister, Irein; Becham, Butt, Johnsen, Cruyff (Poborsky: 73min); Catebos Schluser. scored again. After Johnsen had won the ball in midfield an incisive diagonal through pass from Cantona sent Solsk-jaer through with Beckham running free to his right. The Cantona, Solskjær. Refereer M Diaz Vega (Sprin).

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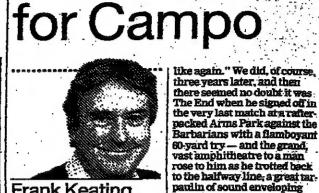
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**One more** 

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Sports Guardian

Frank Keating

tainty they would never see him (or his like) again. HE Wallables rugby But, merciful heavens, we union tourists arrived in Sicily on Tuesday. They play Italy in Pa-dova next Wednesday and then head for the British Isles, briefly to illuminate our scene did. The 1991 World Cup was among other glittering Auswell tour for the wonder on their wing. Who can ever forget his truly coruscating dazzle which carried his side once the clocks have gone back. They had their first gentle, ed training spin yester through the quarter- and day at Palermo's well apsemi-finals on those two successive weekends of gran-deur at Lansdowne Road in pointed Campo di Rugby. Most of you will know that compo means field in Italian. All of Dublin? And that time it was, sure as eggs, the very final-final goodbye when Australia took the cup the following week at Twickenham. you will know that Campo also means something of far grander and glittering opuence in the many-tongued Es-Wrong again. A year later he was back; and, as indelible peranto of world sport. In that universal language it means unique, it means genius, it as an action replay, there was a try at Cardiff almost identimeans the most original player the code has known. It cal to the one four years belso means David Campe fore, this time with seemingly the Pommie-baiting lip who shoots from the hip. all 15 Welshmen baying behind him like rugby's equiva-lent of the Waterloo Cup, with Yep, praise the Lord and pass the sparkling fizz, Cam-po's back for (he again insists) one final throw and show; and the hare gloriously reaching sanctuary. And once again all Cardiff, as generous as it was next Wednesday the man who awestruck, made standing-up has scored by far the most tries in international history farewells with a deafening ap probation. For the Welsh will play his 100th Test match might not play rugby very well any more, but they know rugby all right. I have never The venerable Philippe Sella, solemn centre with the heard such a pointed acclaim pudding-basin copain's for one man on a rugby field. hairdo, is the only other to post the century. Well, vener able in as much as Sella was 34 in February. Only eight months in it, for David Campese will be 34 next Friday,



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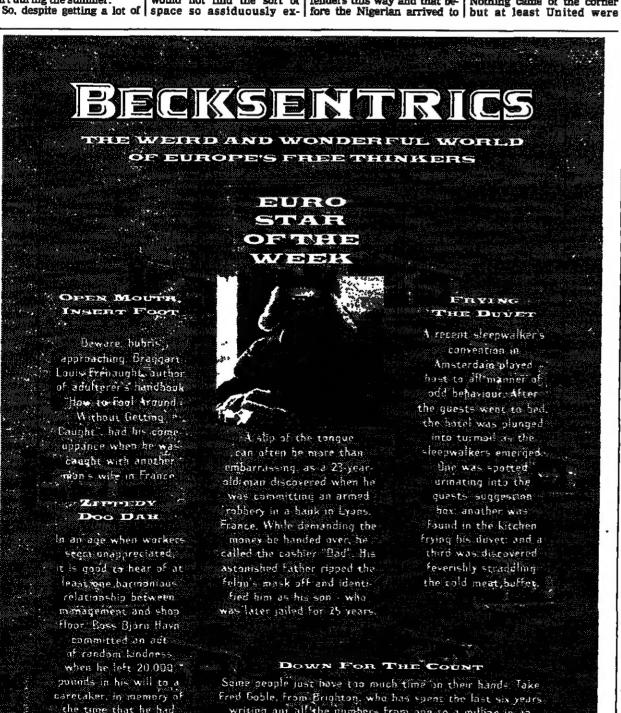
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And now the baidin blighter Is coming back again Post the century on Wednesday, celebrate it through to Friday, and then to Britain for a final-final-final lap of bonour. He says he means it this time. Really. Really? Well, this is his

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ed from Eintracht Frank-during the summer. the middle. Fenerbahce which pulled the United de-high and wide by a defender. hand byline he created a would not find the sort of fenders this way and that be-Nothing came of the corner sharp chance for Kostadinov, furt during the summer.



writing out all the numbers from one to a million in an attempt to enter the Guinness Book of Records. Infortunately for Fred. it turned out that the numbers have to be in words, not digits, and so he has started again. Latest reports indicate he is up to number 22.

PLAYING BY THEIR WN RULES

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Sweden.

United's it as he goose stepped at a lick down one of our touchlines, he insists that his ball-player's brain is as acute, daringly inventive and mischievously schoolboyish as ever.

Only Campese's compatriot Dame Nellie Melba can have milked more farewell performances. This column has already dabbed its moist eyes in an acclaiming and heartfelt allhail and farewell to the nutter and nonparell in the ochre umper piped with green. I've just been scrabbling around the floor to find the faded old parchmenty cuttings from acons ago, each beadlined with variations of "Goodbye Campo and thanks"

After the Wallabies' resounding British grand slammer of 1984, this page wailed: "We'll never see his

Hooray for it. And hooray for

#### **Guardian Crossword No 20,786** Set by Rufus 2 Professional sportsmen are used to only CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,785 one mode of justification. draw (7) 20 Hemingway and Sterne novel (6) Across 25 Where to obtain a degree in encouraged 7 Sharp bet using inside information (7) common talk (7) 26 Booked as promised (7) 8 Popped the question after work, but not accepted (7) Down Solution tomorrow 1 Brown paper set on fire (7) 10 Arrests sailor starting 2 In time a possible giver of scraps (6) pain (8) 11 Not utilised, like a neglected 3 Unions strangely in barometer? (8) agreement (6 upplied by ATS 12 Honest expression of Files put in the wrong order with maliclous intent (8) 13 Sign to put one on the right 5 Clean up on the favourite, darling! (6) road? (2.4.4) does become 14 Purposeful glance at a 6 They enter the atmosphere from a remote point (7) dictionary? (7,4) 19 We are shortly to join 9 Invalid on divan, dull in football team of legendary reputation (10) disposition (4,3,4) 15 The Pony Express's first David Runciman 22 A school which sets the new recruit (8) tone (4) 16 Inflate an account maybe 23 Chinese take-away? (8) or unduly reduce one (8) G2 page 11 . 24 Artist given food - a bit of

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18th Wallabies tour, Easily half of them have been his "last". He must have two sleevefuls of gold "retirement" watches.

**HICH reminds me** a few of us clubbed together to buy him a present, a farewell keepsake and memento of our pressmen's eseem, after Australia were knocked out of last year's World Cup in Cape Town. It looked like curtains then, particularly as the old touchline entertainer had been so up-staged by the precocious JCB Jonah Lomu. But the very idea of a parting gift infuriated him. "Retirement? Me? See you in Europe with the Walla-bies next year." And so it has come to pass.

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